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We've got spirit, yes we do! Seniors **Sam Early, Andrew Paul, David Murrin-von Ebers, Ben Karney, John Hilmes, Zac Heggen, Peter Wolf, Adam Moore, Paul DiIulio, and Phillip Dickinson** get their cheer on at the Homecoming football game.

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...s, junior **David Hanson**, sophomore **Phillip Miller**, seniors **Blake Groen**, **Nick Renkoski**, **Josh Carney**, **Steve Mc Gaughey**, **Tom**
...boys created their works of body art at the car rally before driving to the game. *Photo courtesy of Kathleen Murrin*



Hands across the choir room. As varsity show choir finishes up a rehearsal, junior **Michael Williams** finds himself in the middle of a sea of hands. Williams could often be found in the choir room also, participating in chamber choir.

Photo by Paul Asjes



The "in" crowd. During in-school suspension, sophomore **Katie Deremiah** tries to focus on some school work, while junior **Solomon Currie** just takes it easy. Detention and in-school suspension were moved from the second floor to the old library computer lab this year.

Photo by Hannah Garrison



Fore! Participating in a seventh period P.E. golf session, junior **Michael Jones** tears up the front lawn's hill while practicing his form. The unsuspecting golfers at the bottom of the hill had no idea what was coming when Jones' ball careened past them, nearly reaching Polk Boulevard.

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Future's so bright, I gotta wear shades. For homecoming week's "blast from the past" day, student council president senior **Jessica Wilson** shows off her school spirit in 70's inspired gear. Wilson also dressed as principal Dr. **Anita Micich** later in the week, asking Micich's son junior **Ari Micich** to loan her some of the Doctor's duds.

Photo by Hannah Garrison



The first plan for students entering the school year was to leave behind the drama of the year before. Yet it seemed like the halls of high school were made for just that. From arguments over that hot guy in chemistry, to that crazy party last weekend, to who stole your favorite O-Town CD, drama was inevitable. Public displays of affection

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often seemed to transform the halls into afternoon soap operas, and someone could always be seen sprinting down the hall, late again for sixth period.

But if you looked closer, the halls were also filled with the sounds of best friends, important news, and good times. From the first stormy day of school when we were allowed another precious day of freedom, to the first football

team victory against Southeast Polk, the year brought us together in many unique ways.

Our diversity was unparalleled in Iowa. Every day, a combination of 32 different nationalities walked the halls together. That union of different backgrounds was home to more than 1600 students.

Those varying backgrounds came together scholastically, athletically, and socially to rise above expectations in many distinct fields, from our conference winning volleyball team to our 44 AP scholars.

As our world changed through the years, so too did our school transform. With newly imposed district and administrative policies came revived school spirit and new and forgotten traditions that

How you doin'?

While patiently waiting for their fates to be decided in the vice principal's office, sophomore **Molly Deremiah** and junior **David Braun** get their flirt on. The two caught up with each other later that day at late-bird detention.

Photo by Hannah Garrison



Tornado! After school the day before first semester finals, sophomore **Monica Bell** and freshman **Nianray Majok** try to clean out the mess they call their locker. *Photo by Jessica Lewis*

Cold lunch. On a chilly fall afternoon, sophomore **James McClaskey** and friends decide to grab lunch from Papa John's rather than dine in the cafeteria. The boys drank hot cocoa with their lunch instead of pop.

Photo by Sireano Sheley

Workin' girl. For a cheerleading project, sophomore **Kristin Kennedy** looks through group photos to find the perfect pic of the sophomore team. Kennedy was a second year varsity football, basketball, and varsity competition cheerleader.

Photo by Keshia Palmer

Corn rowin' it. During lunch, sophomore **Lakeita Garrison** gives sophomore **James Miller** a free hairstyle session on the main staircase. Lunch served as extra time for many to do everything from tan to catch some z's.

Photo by Ameria Adair



Bring in da noise. During the fall sports pep assembly, competition cheerleaders junior **Cassondra Webb** and freshman **Julie Wilson** fly high above the rest of the squad, demonstrating a complicated half lib and full extension. The next day the team went to the state cheerleading competition in Ames, placing tenth.

Photo by Josh Anderson



Kool, baby. For a presentation, sophomore **Brittney Jewett-Slaughter** teaches the process of making thirst quenching orange kool-aid to students in **Dianne Wood's** fifth period speech class. The required class for tenth graders taught students how to be confident while speaking in front of groups of people.

Photo by Davida Woods



Presenting... Cross country runners freshman **Hannah Roeder** and junior **Hillary Woodhouse** are introduced by coach **Bill Kaemmer** at the homecoming pep assembly during the announcement of the fall sports teams. All teams did a lap around the big gym to pump up the student body.

Photo by Josh Anderson

Red wire, blue wire. At central campus, technical master senior **Karl Svec** tries to find a memory stick while fixing a school p.c. Svec was unsuccessful, but later found the part in another computer.

Photo by Seth Van Winkle



Popsicle-icious. On a hot August afternoon, principal **Anita Micich** takes time out of her schedule to distribute popsicles to the school as an end-of-the-day treat.

Photo by Hannah Garrison

Time-out. Junior **Tiffani Jones** finishes up an algebra test in the hall after teacher **Rhonda Reynolds** sent her there for excessive talking.

Photo by America Adair





That's my stapler. Freshman **Cameron Claytor** staples together the faculty's homecoming week spirit links. The rings were later used at the pep assembly to see who had the most school spirit. The senior class won, with a disappointing second-place for the faculty. *Photo by Josh Anderson*

Periscope down. Just before plunging into the depths of the Clark Munger Natatorium pool, sophomore **Steve Cullen** makes sure his scuba gear is ready for the dive. The boys swim team nick-named Cullen "Scuba Steve" by the boy's swim team after taking a scuba diving class. *Photo by Sara Alvarez*



the student body celebrated together throughout the year.

Clubs and organizations ranging from sharks to student council came together in September to street paint during homecoming, and transformed Rider Drive's pavement into a massive mural formed from the word Roosevelt.

During assemblies, we were encouraged to stand up and shout out the fight song with the band. For the majority of students who didn't remember every chant, our anthem's lyrics appeared on the southeast wall of the auditorium.

A forgotten symbol of pride, principal Anita Micich brought the front lawn's victory bell many times to celebrate our unity. Students

were invited to share in the glory of winning everything from the second consecutive state title earned by the boys cross country team to the Roughrider's second victory at the statewide yearbook competition.

Perhaps the best part of the school year was the fact that with every new, old,

liked, or disliked tradition we shared,

we were able to make it our own. The definition of fusion in Webster's dictionary is "a merging of diverse elements into a unified whole". Roosevelt did come together to become a single entity, standing together through many adverse situations, and emerged a stronger force in the end.

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T h e French touch. During Becky Johnson's third period art class, senior exchange student **Marielle Durin** finishes a watercolor assignment. Durin came from France for the year to experience our culture.

Photo by Sarah Hunter

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Hey, player. Making the long trek to the main office, senior **Lauren Blunck** takes a second to give a shout out to senior **Rebecca Hutchinson** during third period. Blunck was picking up a message from her mom.

*Photo
by Hannah
Garrison*



That goes where?

While constructing a gum drop tower in physics, senior **Alex Munns** discusses just where the next red gumdrop should be placed with junior **Jenna Spiering**. Their group finally finished, and ended up eating their hard work.

Photo by Nwanneka Eke

Car city.

While on a photo assignment, journalism student sophomore **Tim Dunlap** snaps a photo of the seemingly endless line of student cars on Chamberlain Drive. Available student parking spots were limited due to increased needs for faculty and visitor spots in the triangle lot.

Photo by Tim Dunlap

Students ranged from the timid to the daring, with every type of style in between. Whether type A or Z, we ultimately found common ground through activities from innovative art projects to Friday poker games. Whether squeezing in an extra workout in the big gym or practicing lines for "Fiddler on the Roof" in the auditorium, everyone created a niche in and out of school.

During the seemingly never-ending days before winter break, we shared a hot cup of apple cider and a poppy seed muffin in the front hall while listening to the early-morning holiday music of orchestra, chamber choir and band.

The student body became a massive, stinking mob on January seventh after chemistry teacher **Dick Hewins** unknowingly created a sulfuric acid bomb that permeated each crevice of the building. After suffering through a full hour of the foul stench, we had a fire drill to let the building air out.

School took up approximately 33 percent of our day. We used the time to cram more knowledge into our brains and create lasting impressions on those around us. We still found time to shake things up during class.

1:24 p.m. Pretty in pink! On her Sept. 30 birthday, senior **Kate Jess** sits in economics. She received flowers and presents each period from friends, seniors **Leigh Zisko**, **Liz McNulty**, **Hannah Garrison**, and her boyfriend **Mitch Fastenau**.

Photo by Jessica Lewis



9:34 a.m. How can I help you today? Student aides, juniors **Brian Smith** and **Natalie Lawrence** answer phones, deliver messages, sort staff mail, and help secretary **Denise Rourke** keep the main office running as smoothly as possible every day during second period. There were always at least two student aides in the office for each period of the day.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin



3:25 p.m. Bad girls! Swimmers who shaved: freshmen **Jenni McKee**, **Rose Mayo**, **Brianna Baldi**, **Sarah Eimers**, **Carly Kennedy**, and sophomores **Carolyn Bartlett** and **Kate McBride**. The upper-classmen knew better. The Lady Tankers had a tradition of not shaving during the swim season. Since seven girls decided to defy the rule, their punishment was to run around the track in their swim attire. *Photo by Elizabeth Crispin*



10:20 a.m. Buff stuff! Sophomore **Hillary Courtney** demonstrates her weight-lifting power during third period gym. Courtney used P.E. time to train for various competitive soccer teams she was a member of.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin

8:36 a.m. Nice use of color. Junior **Paul Asjes** admires the artwork of AP art student senior **Jessica McIlhon** while passing by one of the second floor display cases. McIlhon created the piece while taking a course at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin





11:30 a.m. Chow time. Senior **Emily Baitzer** feeds the class fish in English teacher Jean Ellerhoff's classroom at Central. Baitzer donated the fish to her class at the beginning of the year.

9:46 a.m. Perfect. In Becky Johnson's second period Art I class, junior **Adriana Berek** and freshman **Tina Vongxay** concentrate on painting watercolors based on pictures of landscapes. *Photos by Elizabeth Crispin*



10:02 p.m. Touchdown! Seniors **David Murrin-Von Ebers**, **Ben Karney** and **John Hilmes** show their Rider pride as well as the latest fashions in snow caps, headbands and cowboy hats at the varsity homecoming football game.

Photo by Elizabeth Emsweller

11:30 p.m. It's getting hot in there. Senior **Daren Ho** got down with his guitar while practicing with his band Eric and the Floaters at the Fallout Shelter. The Shelter was a hot spot for up and coming high school bands and fans of bands all year.

Photo by James Faber



take a look at a day in our life

6 a.m. Junior **Austin Williamson** stretched while waiting for the rest of his teammates to arrive for the cross country team's morning run. Meanwhile, the boys swim team congregated in the big gym to play a game of shirts and skins basketball (the skins team won).

7:18 a.m. Senior **Greg Shepard** grabbed the last spot in any of the parking lots.

8:36 a.m. **Dave Mahler's** second period A.P. psychology class enjoyed their weekly donut and bagel "presentation." Senior **Kera Reilly** provided food to share with the class.

10:12 a.m. Varsity show choir members belted out songs and shook their booties, preparing for future competitions. Senior **Ben Bell** dominated in the front row.

11:15 a.m. Juniors **Jamie Nelson**, **Maura Walsh**, **Natalie Hutchinson**, and **Paige Richards** drove two cars down Grand Avenue going a slow 25 mph right next to each other, blasting music and throwing grapes back and forth between their cars.

11:44 a.m. Freshmen **Sydney Bardole** and **Damien Helfer** were illegally taken out to lunch at Bruegger's by sophomore **Lauren Sommers**. The food was good but "I sat in gum," Bardole said.

4:06 p.m. Junior **Joel Burnham** showed up tardy yet again for his job at Ted's Coney Island.

6:00 p.m. Freshman wrestler **James Nicholson** finished up practice. Because he weighed in at 88 lbs., he was the only wrestler who did not have to cut weight.

9:35 p.m. After getting grounded for the weekend, freshman **Justina Edwards** sat at home downloading songs on her computer like "Touch Me, Tease Me" by Case.

1:41 a.m. Sophomore **Christine Jansen** hit the sack at sophomore **Bekah Garrison's** house after a rough night of hot tubbin' and football watchin'.

3:27 a.m. Seniors **Mike Bartine** and **Eric Stifle** ran past a speed scanner on 42nd Street in an attempt to run more quickly than cars can drive. Stifle hit a new record, clocking in at an impressive 22 mph.

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one day's stats

Time: 7:40 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Total enrollment: 1584

females: 815

males: 769

Class sizes-

freshmen: 464

sophomores: 389

juniors: 360

seniors: 371

Number of varsity sports: 19

Number of clubs: 38



Anything but prissy.

Somewhere Lucy Grask wears her all-time favorite off-the-shoulder comic book t-shirt. She flipped through the racks at a local thrift store when this 80's style shirt caught her eye. "I really don't look for namebrands," she said "When I see something I like, I buy it."

Photo by Lisa Weber



Hot mama. Junior **Davida**

Woods stands out in a stylish frayed denim skirt with a flirty bell-sleeved top. To top off the outfit, Woods wore a sexy pair of tall brown boots that she bought in Texas. She bought her threads from Yunique fashions located on Douglas. The awesome part was that her sister has owned the clothing store for the past two years, so Woods could get cool discounts on all her favorite clothes.

Photo by Lisa Weber



Details. Junior Esence Lloyd makes basic black and white look anything but boring. Lloyd struts a chunky black belt from Lerner New York along with a funky pair of pants.

Photo by Lisa Weber



Rock On. Sophomore **Evan Brenton** strikes a pose between classes in the hallway. That day Brenton was sporting his grandpa's pants, a black studded belt and still supported the *Ramones* while doing it. He found his favorite clothes in magazines and online, "just whatever makes me feel comfortable."

Photo by Lisa Weber



Rider Pride. Senior Albert Claytor is wearing his favorite Rider hooded sweatshirt with his Rocawear jeans. Claytor has tons of other Rider apparel including two other sweatshirts and a gazillion football t-shirts. Now as for the shoes with the velcro straps sticking out on the sides well enough said. Man it's the style right now," Claytor laughed. "Pretty sneaky, huh?"

Photo by Lisa Weber

Plesant Dreams Junior **Ajak Phillips** is seen wearing the ever so popular peasant top with a pair of stretchy lace-up jeans. Lacey tops and bottoms, a very in style right now, and lets face it, this cross-country runner can run her legs to death and still look stylish doing it.

Photo by Lisa Weber

Check me out. Sophomore Jim Miller sits in Lyn Shiffler's biology class while studding a black and yellow Lakers jersey. "I have a grip jerseys that I own," he said. Miller bought all his jerseys from Pro Image. They were a majority part of his wardrobe. He also liked the Sixers team.

Photo by Jasmina Pandur



hot trends and personal styles create *distinction*

Dressing to fit your personality showed real style. From thrift shoppers to urban preppers, it was all about creating a look that revealed your character.

Sophomore **Lucy Grask** dressed to fit her mood, whether it was playful or polished. Dressing comfortably was her most favorite style tip. Thrift stores were her favorite kind of place to shop, but she could also be found shopping at Banana Republic and Urban Outfitters. "I think clothes are an outlet of who you are and they really reflect your personality," Grask said. On her happy days you might have seen her in clothes with lots of bright colors, while on her quiet days she tended to dress in more subdued gear. Her all-time favorite outfit was her off-the-shoulder, 80's style comic book t-shirt with baggy gray pants.

Junior **Willie Guy** thought he had a unique sense of style. "I love the way I dress because I'm the only person that dresses this way, but I do tend to get a lot of aggressive attention," Guy got his hip threads from Old Navy, Rue 21, Rave, and outlet stores. He said his most unique outfit was his homemade homecoming design. The shirt was a stretchy one-sleeved with white, navy, silver, and baby blue. On the bottom one leg was shorts and the other leg was pants. Even though he was faced with criticism, "I have a lot of confidence in myself and I take a lot of pressure from people, but it's my life and it's my style."

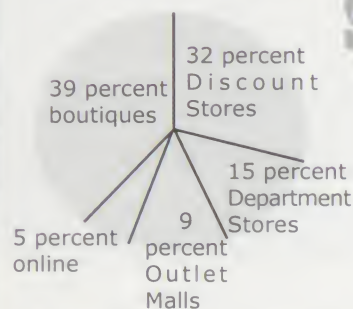
Whether it was looking sexy or silly, senior

Mary Nesbit had it going on. "I try to look flattering but at the same time show my personality through it," she said. You could find Nesbit going through the racks at American Eagle, Von Maur, and thrift stores. She wore the same American Eagle brand jeans everyday to school along with the same shoes. "I maybe wash them every four days." Her favorite outfit was her blue car t-shirt and her standby AE jeans with brown loafers.

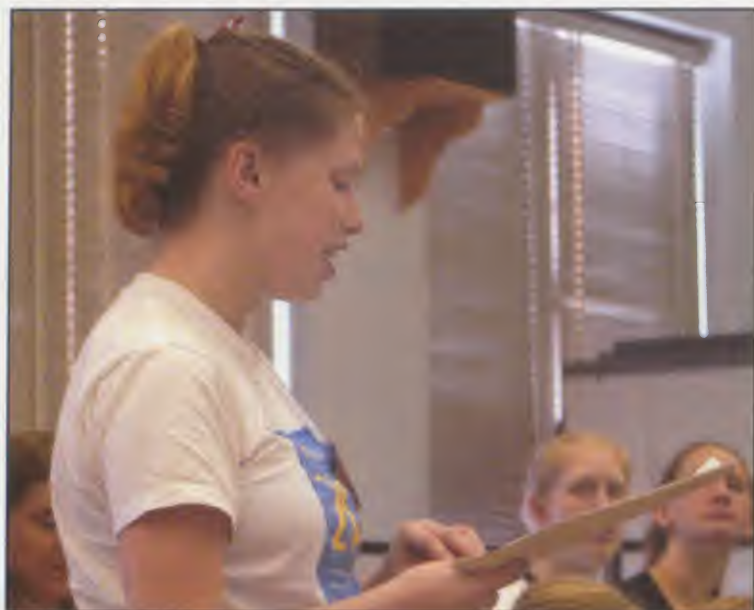
Whether following the pack or blazing new trails, students found many unique ways to enhance their personality through clothing.

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Where were the
hot shopping
spots to hit up?



*200 students surveyed



Have a nice trip? During a skit, sophomores **Mary Harding**, **Sarah Helt**, and **Katie Bartlett** and senior **Nick Renkoski** laugh as sophomore **Betsy Rosenblat** takes a tumble on stage. "Falling onto the stage was really funny, and it made the skit funnier!" Rosenblat said.

Get back here. It might look like sophomore **Cynthia Young** is having problems trying to catch her hat, but it was all part of the show. The skit required Young to kick her hat at just the right moment to make the act look believable.

Sing-a-long.

Trying to grab a solo for the big night, Senior **Erin Conley** tries her skills at it. Four girls tried out for three different solos, but Conley was chosen to sing.



Come on work it out now.

Shakin' it at dress rehearsal, junior **Glenn Burmeister**, seniors **T.D. Smith** and **Nick Renkoski** concentrate. At the dance break, they got to use canes and do the can-can.



Sweet emotion. The emotions of sophomore **Mary Harding** and juniors **Megan Bolin**, **Glenn Burmeister**, and **Stephanie Mc Coneghey** are used to make an Emotional Chorus. During the workshop they learned many comedic skits, including how to act out an "emotional chorus".

Glad Hands. Getting ready for the final performance, senior **Abby Glawe** practices the dance moves the Bravo choreographer taught her. The students had only two hours to learn the moves before the dress rehearsal.



All photos by Maggie Dolan

live from NY: pros reveal secrets the **Bravo way**

Drama students and aspiring performers had the chance of a lifetime when the performance art cable TV network Bravo chose TRHS to be a part of a weekend workshop devoted to improving the performance, vocal and comedic skills of the participants. The workshop was held here from 9 AM to the 5 PM on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12.

Bravo first came to look at our facilities and drama students to see how the workshop would fit in. When the network chose our school as the site for the program, they distributed applications for interested students.

On the first day, students were grouped by age into different categories like "course liners" and "rising stars." The high school group was named "show stoppers." Next, the instructors introduced themselves, and explained to the students what was expected to happen in the 16 hours before the final performance.

After the lecture, students did a physical and vocal warm up. They went to different stations to learn about vocals, dance, and different comedic performance styles.

The final performance was entertaining and successful, but stressful. All of the different groups of performers did their own song and dance, and inbetween the songs they all did different comedic performances. Then at the end they all game together for the final song. Junior **Glenn Burmeister** said that the best part was "seeing what we could put

together in two days, and then actually come together and put on a worthwhile show."

Glawe was definitely excited. "It was marvelous for the students to work with these professionals from New York, and for them to chose our school and our students is the highest praise," she said.

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actor grads

Graduate and hall of famer **Cloris Leachman** has been in over 20 films, 70 TV shows, and 20 TV specials. She won 6 Emmy Awards, and an Academy Award for The Last Picture Show.

Graduate **Steve Higgins** is a writer for the long-running late-night comedy show "Saturday Night Live", and his brother, graduate David Higgins was the sarcastic coffee serving sidekick on ABC's sitcom "Ellen."



Ice ice baby. During dress rehearsal, junior **Amber Wines** and senior **Brittany Griffith** practice a game of improvisational freeze tag. During the activity, the players acted out scenes when caught by the player who was "it." The exercise was used to create comraderie among the actors, and to aid in opening up their creative side.

Brrr! No fair-weather fans, seniors **Nick Renkoski, Josh Carney, Steve McGaughey, Tom Heggen, Peter Wolf,** and **Adam Moore** braved an Iowa night to cheer on the Riders, minus their shirts.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Bring it on. Seniors **Meredith Esbeck** and **Robin Samples** clearly violate the school's fighting policy. For fun, the two decided to paint each other instead of the the Lady Tankers' sidewalk space on Tuesday.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin



Nice kicks. On western day, sophomore **Mary Harding** moseys in to show counseling guru **Sandy Cloe** her stylin' cowboy boots. Harding was among many other students sporting American flag bandanas, zebra print cowboy hats and denim mini-skirts on Tuesday.

Photo by Rachel Prueitt



Shake it fast. After countless minutes of practice, seniors **Tania Coulter** and **Jon Rogers** groove on down the auditorium's main aisle during the coronation assembly. Coulter's only worry was that her posterior would be in an audience member's face.

Photo by Nwanneka Eke



Pick me, please!

The senior candidates were: **Timica Lee, Alysha Galbreath, Laura Lozier, Sarah Buffington, Tania Coulter, Matt Buchanan, Robbie Larew, D.J. Woods, Jon Rogers,** and **Aaron Cawthorn.**

Photo courtesy of Mullica



Remix. After running out of yellow paint, juniors **Dana Ketcher** and **Jessica Wright** make their own special blend. This was the first year the two participated in homecoming activities.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



Grubbin'. A line starts to form as junior **Anne Lingwall** tries to load as much food on her plate as possible at the pre-game barbeque. Riders club sponsored tailgating barbeques throughout the year at home football games in a Lincoln parking lot.

Photo by Samantha Wickard

royalty, cake, spirit: it smells like **homecoming**

With the sights of togas and cowboys, the sounds of trumpets and cheers, and the smells of crazy kakes and paint, the week of Sept. 22 to 27 had to be homecoming.

Sidewalk and window painting on Monday and Tuesday displayed students' artistic sides, although window painting was rescheduled for Wednesday. Even though students had to wait an extra day to see a portion of the artwork, the finished product still captivated the student body for days after.

Many students took part in homecoming week contests. The crazy kake contest was swept by seniors **Jennifer Noe, Jessica Noe, and Georgia DeCarlo**. The friends won \$25 for their design. Seniors **Jamalle Castillo** and **Mackenzie Swanson-Freeman** were also named winners of the first annual Mr. and Ms. Legs competition.

When Friday rolled around, we were ready. We cheered at the coronation assembly as seniors **Robbie Larew** and **Alysha Galbreath** were crowned homecoming king and queen. Sophomore attendant **Larry Moore** was surprised to win tenth grade court again: "I was ecstatic to have won for two years in a row, and I was happy to know that people like me that much."

The school gathered again at the end of the day for a pep assembly to recognize the fall sports teams and propel the football team to victory. However, the Riders lost 48-21 to Sioux City East. "Besides the (Des Moines) East game, homecoming was the one I wanted to win the most. We didn't, so that got me down," senior football player **Andy Ogle** said.

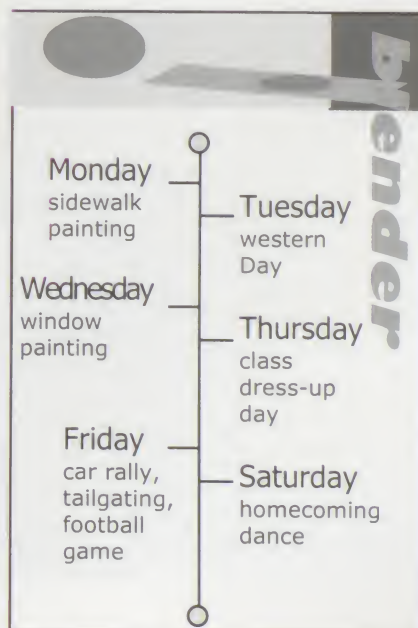
Saturday night, more than 1,000 students put the loss behind them and got down at "Teddy's Temptation Island". The homecoming dance began at 8 p.m. and ended at 11 p.m.

Homecoming 2002 left us with a sense of pride and unity. Principal **Anita Micich** summed up the week by saying: "Roosevelt kids do what they're supposed to do, and have a good time doing it!"

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All Hail! After the crowning, **Alysha Galbreath** waves to the crowd as **Robbie Larew** takes it all in. Galbreath was so nervous, she didn't hear that she had won.

Photo by
Nwanneka Eke



Play that funky music. After the team scores a touchdown, juniors **Kirk Ryan, Ari Micich,** and freshman **Jessie Myers** play the "Hey" song to pump fans up. Micich and Myers were first-year band members.

Photo by
Josh Adcock



Strength. Sophomore **Larry Barnett** shows his strength by lifting 150 lbs.

All photos by Charlie Bartlett

Team work ladies. Before pumping iron, seniors **Katherine Pugh** and **Liz McNulty** start their normal routine by doing many intense sit-ups at the YMCA. Conditioning was a large part of practicing for volleyball season.



Smell the funk. Junior **Brian Bell** prepares for the upcoming basketball season in the weight room. Bell could be found lifting weights virtually every day after school prior to the season.

Concentration. While trying to squat 400 pounds, senior **Mitch Fastenau** hopes he doesn't pull a muscle. Squatting was one of Fastenau's favorite lifts.

got stress? grab medicine ball and start **workin' out**

After a day of sitting in class getting annoyed by lectures, senior **Paul DiIulio** decided to relieve his stress by doing something that made him feel better. He always lifted weights to stay in good shape. "It makes me strong and healthy," he said. While in the weight-room, DiIulio did many different lifts like benching, squatting, pulls, and dumbbells. There was a wide variety of machines available, including brand new equipment.

One day, DiIulio decided to go squat by himself. There was no one around to see what he was doing. Squatting was one of the lifts he didn't really like to do. Once he had the bar on his shoulders, he realized that something was wrong with it. He went down, and the bar fell off his shoulders. DiIulio wasn't hurt but he knew that he would always make sure to check the weights on the bar before starting his lift. It was an embarrassing moment, but DiIulio put the weights back and pretended nothing happened.

During the week, many students tried to find time where they could get away from school and find somewhere where they could work out. There were many places where students could choose from. It might be either an athletic club or working out in their house. Sophomore **Troy Jones** went to the weightroom at the YMCA, where he played basketball and lifted weights. Jones usually spent around a hour each day there. Jones usually worked out with a lot of his friends and he felt that it was better working out with other people. "I like working out because it keeps me in good shape and it gives me a lot of discipline."

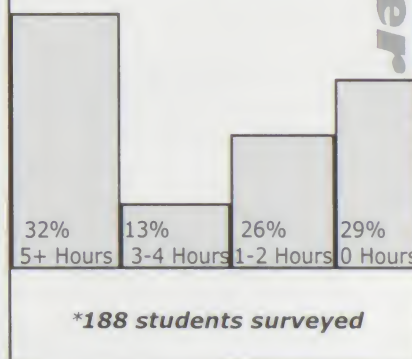
Junior **Megan Bolin** tried to workout whenever she could without worrying about all the studying she needed to do. Bolin didn't really like going to athletic clubs to work out, so she stayed home. Bolin ran daily in her neighborhood and did sit-ups in her house. "I like working out because when I'm tired of studying, working out keeps me focused and I like to be in good shape," Bolin said. When you were in a bad mood or just wanted to do something to do, working out did the job.

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Welcome to the gun show. While lifting weights after school, sophomore **Peter Cade** tries to compare himself to the picture of the man on the wall. Cade wished someday to be a complete replica.

Running with the wind! Sophomore **Breana Cawthorne** gets some air while running on a treadmill at the Walnut Creek YMCA. Cawthorne usually ran for 10-15 minutes while at the gym.

How many hours do you work out on a weekly basis?



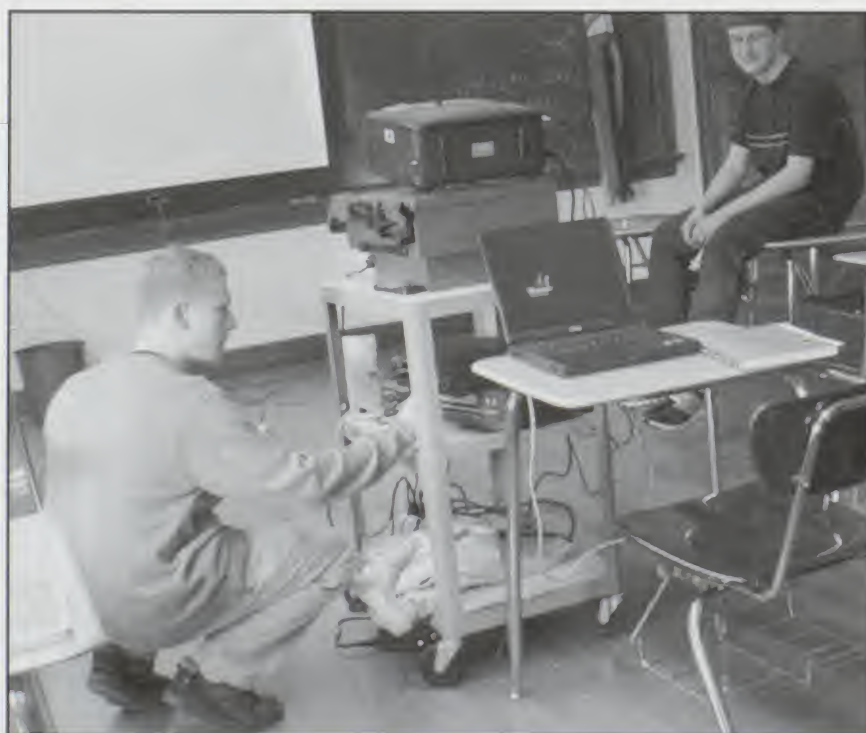


Bowl masters. As sophomore **C.J. Osterhaut** gets ready to compete against his own teammates during practice. Clubbers got to choose their teams, and the number of games required to play during practice depended on the amount of students on their team.

Photo by Jasmina Pandur

Feature Presentation. Senior **Greg Timmerman** pops in a video for the mystery science theater club to watch. The club watched science fiction and horror movies each tuesday in American history teacher **Kerry Ketcham's** room. The idea for the club came from the cult movie series *Mystery Science Theater*, in which movie goers critiqued old science fiction movies.

Photo by Jasmina Pandur



Clubs represent strength and *integrity*

Where's the mistletoe? Senior optmist's club president **Robbie Larew** is seen trying to get frisky with a plastic reindeer. Larew, along with senior optimist's club vice-president **Katherine Pugh** and other members of the club gathered in December to decorate a children's disability center for the holiday season.

Photo by Jasmina Pandur

No conflict here. While setting up the conflict manager's table at the 8th grade orientation night, junior **Allison Peyton** gives in to senior **Meggie Malm's** request for a piece of candy without a fight.

Photo by Hannah Garrison



Sign me up! Senior **Anna Clough** does her duty by recruiting an 8th grader for her mentoring club called best buddies. The program involved high schoolers participating in activities and tutoring children.

Photo by

Hannah Garrison

Good times. While manning student council's table at 8th grade orientation night, sophomore **James McClaskey** and senior **Chrissy Bailey** share a joke, and some pop.

Photo by

Hannah Garrison

Coach and teacher **Bill Kaemmer** was the sponsor of many new organizations to hit the club scene last year. Kaemmer became the sponsor of the bowling club, which began 86 bowlers strong. The team met every Monday at Val Lanes and practiced from 3:30-5 p.m. Their goal was to compete well in the Metro Conference. The team won their first victory against North after only two matches.

Running club was another club making its way up with help from Kaemmer. Juniors **Becca Stubbs** and **Hilary Woodhouse** were the president and the club met every weekday after school to run. The environment was informal, and the girls ran for about an hour. Anyone was welcome and could join at any time. On a running club outing, Woodhouse and the other runners ran all the way to Merle Hay Mall and jogged around the entire area of the shopping center. "We even ran inside the mall, and people stared at us like we were crazy," laughed Woodhouse. Running club ran at events like the Living History Farm Run and the Wisconsin Footlocker Run. The club also ran at Waterworks and various holiday-season events.

The Buffalo Club celebrated its' second year by barbecuing hamburger and buffalo meat throughout the year. Led by junior **Dash Kelly**, the club met at football games, at picnics, and even barbequed at a kids tennis tournament.

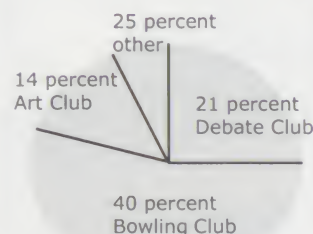
Seniors **Chase Huey** and **Sireono Sheley** went to teacher **Kerry Ketcham** with an idea of starting

a club called the Mystery Science Theater Club. The club consisted of students who came to watch science fiction and horror movies after school in Ketcham's room. While watching the films, students criticized and critiqued the movies. Sheley's favorite part of the club was "the comradery and the fact that we are allowed to make fun of movies, be cynical and curse."

Although the makeup of school clubs often changed from year to year, student imagination and creativity continued to thrive because of strong participation and support for school activities.

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What clubs were you in this year?



**200 students surveyed*

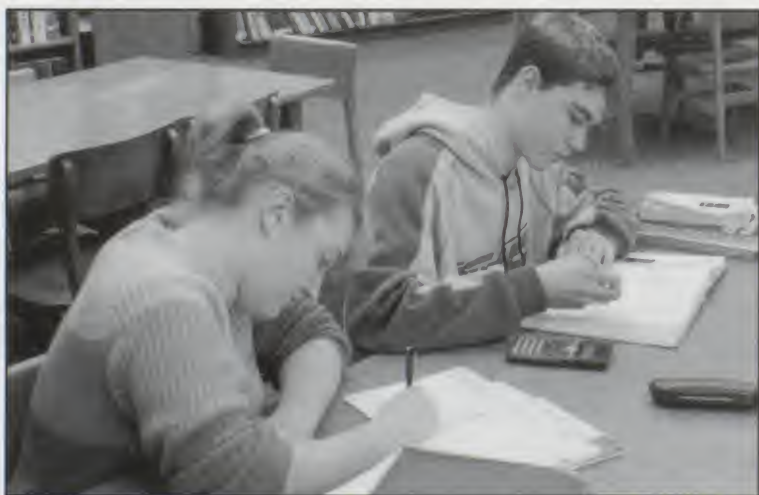
Breakin' in. Mary Ritchie shows her skills while checking out a book to sophomore **Ebone Bell**. Ritchie was a multi-tasking pro, helping students find information for research, check out books, and catalogue materials.



Who's right? Freshmen **Jen Johnson** and **Marissa Flores** look up aeronautical design in the encyclopedia. They debated whether or not an airplane's design could be modified to be without a tail.



Choices! Sharon Clark, librarian, orders books for the upcoming year. She ordered fiction and non-fiction, plus references for different types of research.



All about the speed! During lunch period, junior **Breeana Kaser** and sophomore **Nathan Thomas** prepare for their next classes. Kaser wrote in assignments and appointments while Thomas completed some last minute math homework.

Finding a good read. Librarian **Mary Ritchie** helps senior **Trina Tolson** find various references. Tolson was searching for materials needed to complete a project assigned in her senior English class. Tolson chose the 1992 L.A. riots as her topic.



new librarian storms in with more help for **research**

The freshman weren't the only newcomers this year. Librarian **Mary Ritchie** started the year off in the TRHS library. Ritchie came from Merrill Middle School. Prior to Merrill, she was a librarian at Storm Lake High School in Storm Lake, Iowa. Before she became a librarian, Ritchie taught high school English for 14 years. She also earned a masters in library science and was a librarian for 13 years.

Veteran librarian **Sharon Clarke** had already been the standby information locator at Roosevelt. In her past three years she encouraged the use of databases and references including EBSCO, SIRS, E-Library, and Britannica On-line.

With new ideas in hand, Ritchie planned more teacher-based assignments and increased research skills in databases. In desperate need for computers, Ritchie and Clarke set clipboards by the side of the library computers, so when students came to use the computers they would each sign their name on the clipboard. This was to prove that many students used library computers, and that the school needed to update its' technology. The librarians were hoping for 20 new lap-tops.

The library offered a reference section with more than 14,000 books, 60 magazine subscriptions, two newspapers and access to the Public Library of Des Moines.

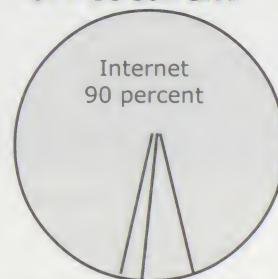
The library also served as a meeting place for clubs like Sisters For Success, staff meetings, and an alternative to the cafeteria during lunch. "The library is a socializing sorta thing," freshman **Katie Wright** said.

Student workers had many responsibilities to help keep up the many parts of the library. Duties in the library included checking out books for students, putting reference materials away, picking up after students and pushing in chairs.

From research to socializing to work experience, the library provided a safe haven for students.

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What were our favorite methods of research?



magazines and
newspapers 2
percent

**160 students surveyed*

All photos by Roland Harris

Sshhh. Researching for his persuasive speech, junior **Scott Collings** digs into a psychology book in the library. Persuasive speech students spent large amounts of time reading through different texts for their various projects.



Do the wave.

Before his weekly hip-hop dance class, incredibly limber junior **Nikola Pavlovic**, stretches out his hamstrings and biceps. Teacher Leann Larson led stretching exercises for the students before each practice. Stretching was an integral part of dancing because it helped prevent pulling muscles or becoming injured while executing a step or jump. Pavlovic's hip hop class later performed at *Creative Movement's* yearly dance recital in May.

Photo by Rachel Prueitt



Listen Up, Ladies! At *Talent On Parade* Dance Nationals in Wichita, Kansas in July, sophomore **Jackie Hilmes** listens in full costume and makeup to the words of encouragement from her instructor Sabetha Mumm. Hilmes' group put in a lot of time and practice and did very well at the four competitions they took part in throughout the year.

Photo courtesy of Jackie Hilmes

How does he do it!? Junior **Llewellyn Lynner** shows off his breakdancing skills to his seventh period gym class while several classmates watch closely. Lynner practiced his breakdancing often while in gym and liked to show off his unique skills.

Photo by Nwanneka Eke



Don't move! In a production of *The Nutcracker* in December, sophomore **Anne Lewis** holds a *su su* just long enough for her mother to snap a picture. Lewis played the part of Mirliton in the show. She had performed in her dance studio's production of *The Nutcracker* since she was in first grade.

Photo courtesy of Anne Lewis

Ouch. During lessons at her dance studio, freshman **Sarah Dikis** practices a heel stretch that she later performed at her company's dance recital. One of her favorite dance moves, the stretch showed off both her flexibility and strength. Sarah performed as an apprentice in her street jazz competition dance, "Queen Bee."

Photo by Rachel Prueitt



dancers devote a ton of time to practice and **performance**

After performing 12 numbers in her dance recital last June, freshman **Sarah Dikis** began preparing to begin her fourth year of dancing. Dikis spent most of her life dancing. Six out of seven days a week, Dikis could be found at her studio, Creative Movement Dance Company. Although Dikis hadn't been dancing at the company for very long in comparison to other dancers in her group, she still earned a place in the pre-professional program, practicing many different types of dance. Her personal favorite was jazz, but she also performed ballet, tap, hip-hop, and lyrical routines. Dikis' favorite aspect of dancing was the teamwork involved. "My first year dancing we had to dance with fans. I was so nervous during the performance that I dropped my fan and it slid across the floor."

Sophomore **Jackie Hilmes** also participated in some of the same classes as Dikis at Creative Movements. She competed and performed several types of jazz, hip-hop, and ballet. Hilmes began dancing before she was three. She was dancing for so long because, "I enjoy competing, and I really like the type of dance I do. It's not that I don't enjoy classical ballet, but jazz and hip-hop are more fun."

Sophomore **Anne Lewis** spent 13 hours a week in classes and up to six hours rehearsing for performances. She performed in the *Nutcracker* every year since she was seven, *Dracula* for five years, and a ballet version of *Alice in Wonderland* along with yearly dance recitals. Lewis said she danced because "it is fun to set goals and achieve them."

Although many dancers took traditional ballet classes, junior **Nikola Pavlovic** got involved in a hip-hop dance class. Although Pavlovic took traditional dance classes as a child while living in Europe, he became interested in a hip-hop class when he moved to Iowa. He also planned to be a part of an all-male group but said, "I was dissatisfied when they canceled the Saturday practices because no one was coming."

Dancing served as exercise and a passion for students.

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Go Team! Junior **Jessica Wright** and sophomore **Kristen Kennedy** perform a dance for the competition cheerleading routine. The competition squad spent four months practicing for up to 12 hours a week. It consisted of cheerleaders from all grades who performed five times.

Photo by Rachel Prueitt

have you ever been
part of a
performance dance
class?

81 out of 160 or more than 50 percent of females answered yes.

Less than eight percent of males, or 12 out of 160 answered yes.

**160 students surveyed*

Wanna dance? Senior **T. D. Smith** takes the lead of senior **Erin Conley** as they dance the night away. Shocked relatives stood by to watch as the rebellious kids broke all the rules. **Good times.** Seniors **Will Tarbox** and **Dan Sherman** get their party on. The two served as comic relief for the play after their characters consumed a few too many beverages at the wedding celebration.

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Barn scene. Juniors **Nikola Pavlovic** and **Mike Williams** converse.

Hold still. Senior **Christina Gulich** looks straight ahead while massive amounts of hairspray are doused on her head before a performance.

lights, camera, lots of success *and accidents*

The screams echoing through the auditorium on a fall afternoon were not part of a scene from *Fiddler on the Roof*. Drama Director **Lori Glawe** saved the day by dousing a fire with a bucket of water after a stage light was placed on a piece of dry wood, igniting it into flames. After the fire was extinguished, senior **Maria Sanchez** used a prop mop to clean up the watery mess. After everything was under control, the Des Moines Fire Department showed up from the station house located less than a block away to make sure everything was safe and sound. The fire was not the only excitement of the day, however. Two students were later taken to the hospital due to illnesses. "It was a weird day and it seemed like everyone was crying," junior **Marnie Strate** said.

Despite a few near-disasters that occurred during practice, a \$1,400 profit after royalties and rental still made the fall musical *Fiddler On the Roof* a bonafied success. Huge audiences were proof that the drama department had grown stronger and more talented. An example of the group's on-the-spot skills came on opening night when senior **Alex Munns** pushed a cart up onto the stage and accidentally flipped it over. Munns and Senior **Christina Gulick** played the incident off so well that the audience thought the blooper was a part of the musical.

Sophomores **Ellen Butler** and **Chelsea Brightman** loved the bonds that were created through the musical. "We all turned into a 1500 person family," Butler said. Brightman added, "There were a lot of tears, a lot of laughs, a lot of hugs."

By keeping the actors and actresses as calm and unstressed as possible, *Fiddler* had one of the largest audience totals in the past decade. Although tackling as complex a musical as *Fiddler* was an enormous responsibility, the cast and crew came out a stronger group because of their choice.

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Whaa? Junior **Meghen Kaye** and seniors **Ren Waddell** and **Christina Gulick** are incensed by the forbidden dancing at the wedding. The dance would have been forbidden at a wedding ceremony.

What a day for a daydream... Seniors **Abby Glawe**, **Elena Flores** and junior **Glenn Burmeister** portray Tabibia's dream. The dream was a foreshadowing of what was to happen later on in the play.

senior cast members:

Mike Boscailon
Jeremy Burns
Erin Conley
Elizabeth Emsweller
Ainslee Ericson
Elena Flores
Leslie Forshe
Emily Garton
Abby Glawe
Brittney Friffith
Rachel Gruis
Christina Gulick
Meredith Jinks
Alex Munns
Nick Renkoski
TD Smith
Will Tarbox
Ren Waddell

Fun games. Sophomore **Mary Harding** and senior **Ainslee Erickson** play a children's game of the time period. The game took place during the wedding festivities. **Steady.** Sophomore **Sarah Helt** shows off her balancing abilities during a dance. Ad dance captain for the musical, Helt's responsibilities included researching dance steps from the time period and teaching other cast members all the right moves.



I think I got it. After reading a story to his third period class, freshman **Shukaib Sultan-Mohammad** discusses his opinions about the book with teacher **Jennifer Shaw**. The story was about different ways to problem solve in various situations.

Photo by Jessica Lewis

How much of this one? While sophomore **Elma Duratovic** gets her ingredients for a crater lab in interactive science, she becomes increasingly interested and excited about the lab. "I thought the bigger the size, the bigger the hole, but I was wrong," Duratovic said. Students had the chance to learn a lot about the size, make-up, and actions of a crater during the lab.

Photo by Jessica Lewis



Writer's corner. Writer's block got the best of freshman **Helena Sultan-Mohammad** in her ninth grade English class. Despite the temporary brain blockage, writing was one of Sultan-Mohammad's favorite part of class. Another aspect of the class she enjoyed was being in the same class as her brother **Shukaib Sultan-Mohammad**, also a freshman.

Photo by Jessica Lewis



Scien-terrific. While doing a lab, senior **Sandy Perez** learns exactly what makes up a crater with the assistance of science teacher **Roger Miller**. The best parts of the class is that when you miss a day, Mr. Miller will sit down and explain what you missed," Perez said.

Photo by Jessica Lewis

immigrants add to culture as they make **a new start**

E.S.L. stood for more than English as a Second Language, or English Language Learners. It also stood for an Educational Second Life for many students.

Students involved in E.S.L. traveled from different countries to find a successful life in the U.S. The countries represented in student programs included Sudan, Vietnam, Mexico, Germany, Bosnia, Laos, Guatemala, and Albania.

Most new ESL students were emotionally fragile and unstable. Volunteers and teachers helped the new students adapt to a new culture by using a supplementary program in addition to ESL classes called English Language Learners. Teacher **Jennifer Shaw** worked with many new students, and encouraged them to become more confident in their communication and language skills.

When freshman **Anjolie Amieth-Kongroar** traveled from Sudan to the United States with her family in May of 2001, she found it a very painful and trying experience to leave the rest of her friends and relatives behind. Only her immediate family made the trip to the United States with her, but "I do keep in touch with my family in Sudan", Amieth-Kongroar said.

E.S.L. teacher **Val Laing** worked with students in the English and world history departments that had been in the United States for a more significant amount of time. "These students that came from

war-torn countries are open to new beginnings," Laing said.

In many cases, teachers found that despite the cultural barriers, ESL students' work ethic and aptitude were often better than many of their peers. "These kids come in here and actually do their work," science teacher **Roger Miller** said.

For many ESL students, the transition from their old homes was more difficult than many imagined. But with the many new opportunities, they found a second chance for education and life.

How many countries were represented in the E.S.L. program?

Sudan- 18 students
Afghanistan- 22 students
Bosnia- 8 students
Mexico- 8 students
Somalia- 2 students
Vietnam- 4 students
China- 4 students
Other- 15 students

**population of five ESL classes*

Good Morning! These were the words that came out of teacher **Jennifer Shaw's** mouth to her English class. A majority of her students came from Sudan and Bosnia, while others from Mexico and Asia diversified the group.

Photo by Jessica Lewis



I think I have the answer.... was what sophomore **Jia Hui Dong** was thinking. "It's very hard, but it's good to know a lot about science," Dong said during his third hour science class with teacher **Roger Miller**. Dong's class happened to have the highest grade average out of all of Miller's classes.

Photo by Jessica Lewis

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Girls just wanna have fun! Sophomores **Jackie Hilmes, Sarah Wine, Christina Brown and Kelsey Smith** make faces in the grass in first grade (left). The friends reenacted the photo in the main hallway (right). Hilmes, Wine, Brown and Smith met 10 years ago at Hanawalt Elementary School and have remained friends since.

*Hallway Photo by Sam Wickard
Grass Photo Courtesy of Jackie Hilmes*



Don't drop it! Seniors **Albert Claytor** and **Aaron Mailey** play a game of football on the school's front lawn (right, below). Back in the day, Claytor and Mailey played a game on Clayton's computer (left). The boys were friends and teammates for over twelve years.

*Football Photos by America Adair
Computer Photo Courtesy of Albert Claytor*



friends help to make life **worthwhile**

What has gone through the good, bad and ugly and still survived? No, not a freshman, but long-time friends. The relationship was a common but complex phenomenon in high school. Friends endured a full range of behaviors-laughing, lying, screaming, crying, listening, talking and cheering. Through thick and thin, many friendships were still able to withstand childhood and the tumultuous years of adolescence.

Football players and friends seniors **Albert Claytor** and **Aaron Mailey** became friends in first grade at Windsor elementary school. Although as teens Mailey became a prepster and Claytor a hip-hopper, they still had one vital thing in common- girls. "When it comes to women we are definitely speaking the same language," Claytor said with a smile.

When sophomores **Jackie Hilmes**, **Sarah Wine**, **Kelsey Smith**, and **Christina Brown** got together, they tended to get a little crazy. In elementary school the friends enjoyed going into the girl's bathroom during recess to have seances in hopes of bringing Elvis back from the dead. The girls all agreed that their favorite memories of grade school were in fifth grade when they received notes from their "boyfriends". They would race to the bathroom stalls and scan the notes, then pass them under the stalls until they had read all four letters. Although in high school the girls tended to use other forms of communication, they were still each other's closest

confidants about everything from clothes to heartbreaks. "These are the people that I know I can tell my deepest, darkest secrets to," Hilmes said.

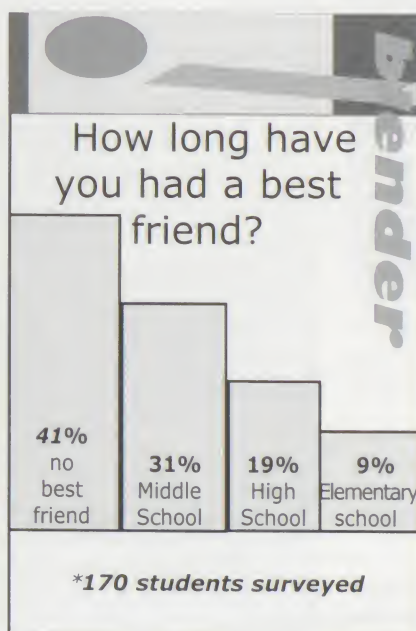
Friends often showed compassion in strange ways. Sophomore **Larry Moore** considered sophomore **Ryan Loman** his "best pal," but for fun he liked to throw Loman into trash cans on the weekends. Although expressing love for each other was sometimes difficult, long-time friendships stood the test of time and remained a dependable source of strength for students.

Sam Wickard



Grubbin'. While chillin' at McDonald's, eight year olds **Billy Holtze**, **Eddie Wilson** and **Kevin Bramwell** get their eat on (above). As juniors, the friends' favorite spot to chow during lunch or on weekends was at Tasty Taco's (below). The three could be found almost every weekend hollering at the ladies in Wilson's black Jeep Cherokee.

*McDonald's Photo courtesy of Eddie Wilson
Tasty's Photo by Hannah Garrison*



It's too early! Junior **Liza Sharp** checks in her bags at the airport at 5:15 in the morning. Sharp tried to fall asleep before boarding the airplane, but was distracted by the food court positioned just past a row of security guards blocking the entrance. Sharp was on the second of two flights to L.A., so she had to wait a little bit longer to take in the sun and fun in California. *Photo by Jessica Lewis*



Time to tune! Juniors **Kirk Ryan** and **Grant Hewins**, freshmen **Martin Whitfield** and **Kelsy Grimes** tune for the concert band's early Saturday morning performance. The band competed against three other schools and went on to place first and later take the Outstanding Band Award. *Photo by Richard Hewins*



Lost in L.A.! Junior **Peter Boscaljon** and freshmen **Maggie Conley** and **Liz Cooney** wander around Mans Chinese Theatre while trying to find a map. The students arrived at the tourist attraction before any shops were open, and found themselves lost with no one to tell them how to get back to their hotel. *Photo by Jessica Lewis*

Look, Ma! Chemistry teacher **Richard Hewins** strikes a pose next to Charlton Heston's hand and footprints located in front of Mans Chinese Theatre. *Photo by Jessica Lewis*



fine arts hit up 'Cali' by grabbing **first place**

Action, beaches, and conductors running around in ambulances trying to aid students back to health. Students getting crazy on the last night because they spanked everyone hard at the competition, and arriving home with the memories of doing things you never would have on a family vacation.

Those were a few of the highlights from the fine art department's California Trip. March 11 the orchestra, concert band and concert/chamber choir headed to the Des Moines International Airport ready to make some music and memories. Six more hours and they were on their way to stardom, or at least close to it. Students kicked back and relaxed before the mayhem of competition began.

Before their performances got underway, students hit the beach to ride L.A.'s waves, shop on the boardwalk, and go whale watching. Whale watching was a disappointment for some, but just one part of the day's adventures. "First I thought it was kind of stupid because the whole point was to see the whales and we didn't, but then we got to swim in the ocean, so it turned out all good," junior **Paige Richards** said. Students also visited Disneyland and California Adventure before the competition began.

Saturday was the day that showed L.A. the way Des Moines rocks their joint. The orchestra gave the crowd something to yell for after the band blew away the judges and audience. "The judge really didn't tell us anything that we didn't know, I mean, we did well and he knew it," Richards said. Even

though ours was the only orchestra participating in the competition, receiving the award was still cause for butterflies and stress before they received the award. "They didn't have to give us that plaque" orchestra teacher Sandra Tatge said. "We had to meet their criteria first."

The concert and chamber choirs nailed their pieces before the much anticipated awards ceremony, where our groups won first place in every category. In the end, our Fine Arts Department showed L.A. how we do it in Iowa, while also giving students a chance to be rewarded for their hard work.

Jessica Lewis



Where is everyone? Juniors **Chad Allen** and **Kyle Baas** put on a performance to an empty house at the Hollywood Bowl. Allen and Baas were planning on practicing on the venue's stage before they noticed the 'stay off of the stage' sign. *Photo by Richard Hewins*

We're finally here. Fine arts students are happy to finally arrive in California. Students looked for their luggage as well as their shuttle to the hotel. After a six-hour long plane ride, they were happy to walk on land again.

Photo by Jessica Lewis

We won the:

Outstanding Band Award- awarded to the best band of the competition.

Outstanding Instrumental Award- awarded to the highest amount of points earned by an orchestra or band.

Outstanding Orchestra Award- awarded to the best orchestra of the event.

The Festival Sweepstakes Award- awarded to the highest amount of points with orchestra/band/choir



Do I look smarter? After stealing AP psychology teacher **Dave Mahler's** trifocals, senior **Leslie Barnhizer** hopes and prays that her new specs will help her earn a high grade. Although the class was very challenging, juniors and seniors enjoyed Mahler's anecdotes, "presentation" days, and videos.

Photo by Courtney Petty

Study time. Junior **Tyler Haugh** reviews his notes before a unit test in anthropology. The highlight of the class for Haugh was when they made fire from rubbing two sticks together. But, "it was hard to create enough friction to actually create a fire," he said.

Photo by America Adair



Poised to perfection! Senior **Aaron Anderson** listens in on an anthropology lecture given by **Jeff Westendorf**. The most exciting part of class to Anderson was "studying the culture and learning how different species evolved and developed".

Photo by America Adair



Have a seat. After sitting in desks all day long, senior **Liz Lidgett** chooses to finish her AP psychology homework on the floor. Lidgett actually preferred the floor to the desk any day. Photo by Courtney Petty



Give it your all. Sophomore **Scott James** discusses the *National Geographic*. Although anthropology wasn't his easiest class, James enjoyed the class overall. Photo by America Adair

The answer is A. Catching up on an assignment in introduction to psychology, senior **Alysha Galbreath** is helped out by sophomore **Melody Douglas**. The two longtime friends could often be found chatting each other up. Photo by Courtney Petty



Get it? Juniors **Natalie Chadwick** and **Kim Montgomery** discuss the issues in class. Taking notes everyday is a must.

Ready. Senior **Stephanie Gray** knows what it takes to make the grade. She didn't always enjoy studying anthropology but after taking a few tests, she said she figured it was worth it.

Photo by America Adair

Photo by Courtney Petty

sociology, psychology, anthropology: *the 'ologies*

Anthropology teacher **Paul Birocci** kept his class interesting throughout the year by trying out unique activities while learning about other cultures. An example of this was when physics teacher **Mike Blair** helped Birocci's class try to start a fire by rubbing two sticks together. "It started to smoke, but we put it out. We figured the school didn't want a fire," Birocci said.

Sophomore **Scott James** explained why he enjoyed the class: "We go over current issues and talk about how things revolutionize over time." A surprise for junior **Anna Schossow** was the male/female ratio in her third period anthropology class. "It's all boys, only three girls in the class," she said.

Psychology teacher **Dave Mahler** compared his class to a quote from *Forest Gump*. "Life (and psychology class) is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get until you try it."

Students from his introduction to psychology and AP psychology classes agreed with Mahler's description. Introduction to psychology student senior **Becky Reuter** stated what she liked most about the class: "(It) is so diverse, a mixture of everything." Senior **Alysha Galbreath** shared what she didn't like about the class. "Nothing, I like it all."

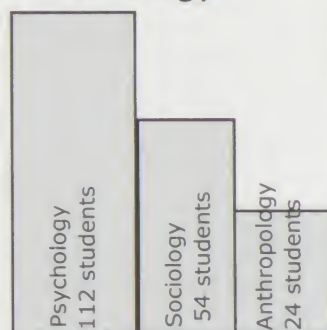
Sophomore **Hillary Courtney** shared what made her sociology class so unique. "We have a lot of discussions...it's really not like any other class at Roosevelt."

Webster's Dictionary explains anthropology

is the study of man in relation to distribution, origin, classification, and relationship of races, physical character, environmental and social relations, and culture; psychology is the study of mind and behavior in relation to a particular field of knowledge or activity; and sociology is the study of the development, structure, interaction, and collective behavior of organized groups of human beings. The classes related to these studies seem to all be prime examples of their definitions. Is that complicated enough?

courtney petty

How many students
chose a class ending
in 'ology?



*190 total students

Look into my eyes, and never look away. Junior **Matt Scott** and his girlfriend from Valley share a special moment at the Homecoming dance. They really got into the slow dances, because they always seemed to bring the two closer to one another.

Photo by Elizabeth Emsweller

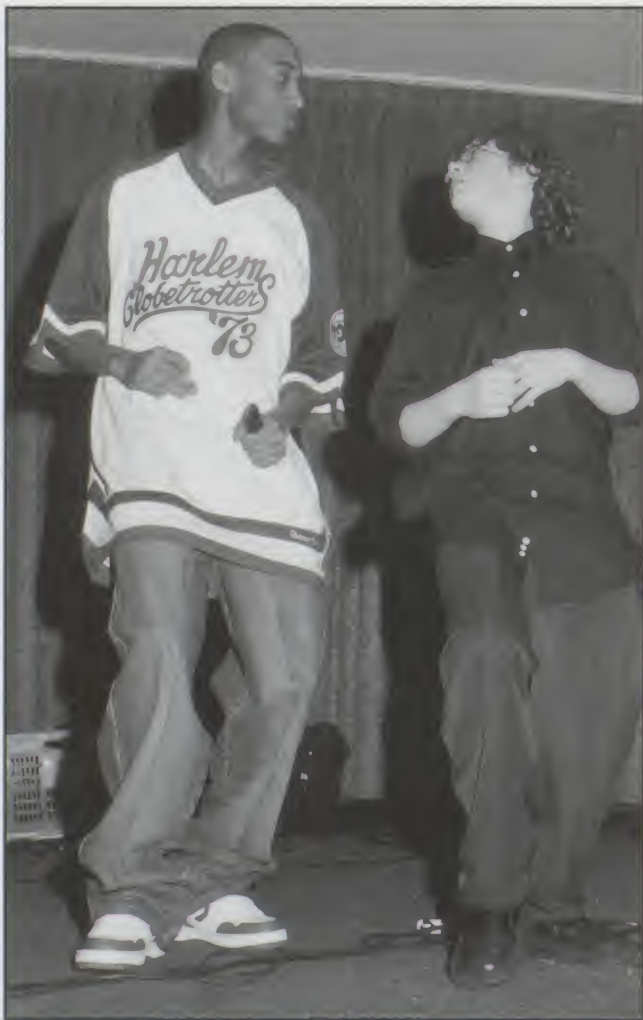


Are you leading me on? Senior **Christina Gulick** grabs Senior **Robbie Larew** by the trunk and leads him to the dance floor to boogie during spree. Freshman **John Pugh** almost broke up the trunk train while posing for the photo.

Photo by Paul Asjes



Show Down. Junior **Billy Jewett** and sophomore **Alex Welch** battle it out on the Val Air Ballroom's stage to find out who has the best dance moves. Welch claimed they were "stompin' in their air force ones" at winter formal. He lost the contest. Photo by Elizabeth Emsweller



Disco fever is back. Junior **Brian Bell** gives his pelvis a workout at spree. Bell and junior **Collins Ebo** shared disco themed costumes at the dance.

Photo by Paul Asjes

Check this out. Seniors **Rhea Hartman** and **Lauren Moore** chat it up during Homecoming. Moore was fascinated by Hartman's fabulous hair style.

Photo by Elizabeth Emsweller



Back your thing up at the **dances**

Dances consisted of risqué dresses, outrageous dance moves, and cardboard decorations. Homecoming was the first dance of the year, September 28th.. Even though we lost our homecoming football game to S.C. East, we still got our groove on.

Girls tried to find a dresses that nobody else had, especially winter formal. Sophomore **Ellen Butler** found her dream dress, for winter formal from her grandmother who had worn it previously. Butler absolutely loved the dress because it was simple, yet elegant. A girl cannot go without her accessories and her hair being styled. Freshman **Stephanie Jackson** said, "I spent three hours getting my hair done for winter formal." Junior **Julia Wilson** accented her construction worker outfit, for spree, with power tools.

Many students choose The Olive Garden or Café SU for a place to eat for winter formal. Junior **Ruthie Lucas** likes the pasta at the Olive Garden she said, "It is really smooth and yummy."

"Everybody Dance Now!" As the night progressed the music heated up with songs like, "Back that thing up" by Hot Boyz and "In the Club" by 50 Cent . Students gathered around to "Ooh," and "Aww," at people's dance moves on the stage. The bumping and grinding was a major concern that chaperons had at the dances. **Joe McQuerry** said that our dance moves were, "The club brought to the school. There is really no other way to put it."

Activities after dances were exciting times for students to gossip, continue to dance or just have another few hours of fun before heading home to crash. Junior **Lydia Clark** went bowling after homecoming. "I will always remember that night because that's when I hooked up with my ex-boyfriend and my friend changed out of her dress in the parking lot!" Freshman **Perry Woods** said, "I stayed at a party after spree until two in the morning."

Whether it was walking like an egyptian at homecoming, waltzing in a winter wonderland at winter formal or manuevering through a construction zone at spree, we busted a few moves, dressed to kill, and generally had an unforgettable time with eachother.

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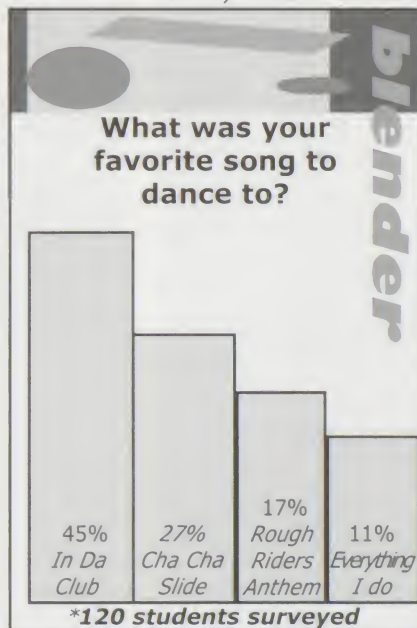
Bust A Move. Somphomore **Glenna Palimore** and freshman **Torrie Sellers** glide along the dance floor. Their dance moves are more advanced than the dance game Dance Dance Revolution.

Photo by Elizabeth Emsweller



Can't touch this. Juniors **Cassandra Web**, **Thondra Bradley** and **Nikita Carter** line up onstage and give the audience some attitude with their dance. *Photo by Elizabeth Emsweller*

Is that real? Freshman **Ethan Garrigan** doesn't need a wig for his construction worker getup. The hair worked its' magic on the ladies that night, though. *Photo by Paul Asjes*



Storytime, kiddies!

Freshman **Robert Martin** reads an oral interpretation while delivering a speech during forensics class. Martin was a forensics team member, as well as a debate team member, participating in extemporaneous category.



Practice and persistence equals perfection.

Senior **Erik Granseth** is ready to roll as he prepares his mouse trap car for a qualifying round at the March 12th Physics Olympics. Granseth beat the other seven olympians from TRHS and went on to place 7th at the Drake Physics Olympics. Each qualifying student received extra credit for their creations, which were made out of two c.d.'s and a mouse trap. "We only took the best of the best to the competition," Physics teacher **Mike Blair** said.



And the winner is... Junior **Lindsey Talk to me**. Sophomore **Katie Purdy** smiles as she holds her award. **Palmer** takes it nice and slow as Purdy placed first at the Iowa City Debate Tournament in the her fourth period speech class. extemporaneous debate category. Students were required to put Friend junior **Elizabeth Silberman** nerves on the back burner while also participated in a Lincoln/Douglas delivering the multiple speeches required for completion of the class.

mock trial uses many methods to **succeed**

Mock Trial at Roosevelt was incredibly popular with a total of five teams. What made mock trial such a hit depended on who you talked to. From veterans like junior **Jordy Mumma-Coleman** who has been involved with mock trial since seventh grade, to rookie junior **Dionne Trumbo**. All participants agreed that it was a great experience. Crunch time was an inevitable reality with only one competition a year, so preparation was a vital element to success.

Senior **Owen Robertson** explained his team's practice schedule: two to three hours a day on both Sundays and Mondays. "We learn the case and how to introduce evidence and how to do direct examination and cross examination. The fundamentals." On the other hand, Mumma-Coleman and her teammates practiced every Sunday with a different strategy. "We each learn our part of the case and then we all come together as a team." Junior **DeAnna McGarity** and her team used yet another game plan. "We prepare by going over affidavits so we know the facts clearly. We try to be professional."

With so many teams and participants, there were many components to struggle with. Junior **Paul Asjes** thought that competition was the hardest part of mock trial. "Getting up in front of the judge and giving your performance is the most difficult thing to do."

After weeks of practice, students used their honed strategies at the regional mock trial competition. The March fourth event was held at

Drake University, with all five teams receiving high marks for excellent attorney representation. Although none advanced to the regional competition, each team used their determination, drive, and quick wit to represent Roosevelt to the best of their ability.

courtney petty

2002-2003 National Forensics League Lincoln Douglas Debate Topics

•When in conflict, globalization ought to be valued above national sovereignty.

•When in conflict, the letter of the law ought to take priority over the spirit of the law.

**W e l l
d r e s s e d
m a n .** Senior **O w e n
R o b e r t s o n** keeps his cool (and does it dressed to kill) while debating. Robertson was involved in mock trial as well as the debate team. He participated in Lincoln/Douglas debates, a one-on-one type focusing on values.

I wanna rock and roll all night... Senior **Kurt Witte** plays his drums hard while keeping the beat going for his fellow band member senior **Casey Movick**. Witte and Movick had played together for only a few months, but wrote numerous songs.

All Photos by Elizabeth Emsweller

...and party every day! Senior **Casey Movick** strums a few cords on his guitar with backup by senior **Kurt Witte**. Playing guitar was one of his favorite pasttimes.



Run the distance! Although running cross country seemed like a stressful activity, it was a good way for junior **Akumthong Achol** to forget about current problems and focus only on doing her best. *Photo by Josh Adcock*



Laughter is the best medicine. Senior **Emily Garton** laughs at her own stories while trying to amuse her friends at their local coffee house hangout. Garton liked to hang out at Java Joes every weekend and on special occasions with her friends, or when she needed a break from everyone and everything.

It's my play and I can cry if I want to! Senior **Ren Waddel** sheds a few tears while waiting for her next scene in the fall production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Many of the cast and crew members got stressed out with the many non-stop hours of working to perform the musical. A tear or two was a good way to relieve tension.



high school dramas and anxieties: let's **talk stress**

As the clock struck 2 a.m., school was a mere six hours away. Senior **Sonia Skidmore** frantically worked on an English paper that was due later that morning. As Skidmore punctuated her last sentence, she took a sigh of relief and pressed print. Immediately, her printer jammed and broke down. Trying not to panic, Skidmore copied the essay on a disk and decided to print it out at school before her class. After getting a few hours of sleep, Skidmore hurried to the school library, popped the disk in a computer, opened the file and pressed print. Just her luck, not only did the computer crash, but it ate the disk along with it.

As outraged as she was at the time, Skidmore's yoga method "Saluting the Sun," would have come in handy to calm her overworked nerves. Skidmore began yoga at the beginning of her junior year. Her favorite routine took only 10-15 minutes, and lowered her stress level almost instantly.

Along with homework and other school and family commitments, seniors **Casey Movick** and **Emily Garton** also worked part time during the week. Movick was a cook at AK O'Connors in Beavertdale, and Garton worked at Chocolaterie Stam in Valley West Mall. Both had experiences dealing with scheduling time for both work and school, and overcoming the anxieties of prioritizing everything in their life.

To de-stress, Movick often punched walls or hid out in his room. "That's where my guitar is and that makes me relaxed." Garton used her addiction to caffeine to calm her down.

The variety of live music and the aroma of freshly brewed coffee attracted Garton and other students to the Court Avenue coffee shop Java Joes to unwind after a stress-filled day.

Whether it was punching inanimate objects to release physical aggression or relaxing the mind, body and spirit through yoga, students used varying methods to deal with the stress of school, homework, a social life, and work.

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Ways to do Nothing! (or next to nothing)

1. Lie on a blanket in the grass and mull over cloud shapes.

2. If your computer freezes, take a walk to get some water.

3. Put off until tomorrow what you don't have to do today

**From Barbara L. Heller, author of 365 Ways to Relax Mind, Body, and Soul.*

Breathe in, breathe out. Senior **Sonia Skidmore** knows how to relax after a long day of school and work. Skidmore loved how yoga took her mind off of stressful situations.

Sew much fun. Freshman **Anastasya Bawn** finishes sewing another of the many shirts she prepared for the fall musical as a member of the crew. Bawn found that when sewing, her stress level decreased.

Think outside the box. While working in 3-D honors art, junior **Jessyka Clark** puts the finishing touches on one of her pieces, a clay box. The class assignment was to create a work resembling the style of a famous artist, chosen by each student.

All photos by Sarah Hunter

Happy little clouds... Concentrating on her brushwork, Freshman **Carly Kennedy** starts a new assignment while working with watercolors in **Becky Johnson's** second period art one class. Water colors were one of the mediums used to recreate other artists' work in the class.



Letting his true colors shine through. Freshman **Hussein Yousif** concentrates on a masterpiece in progress. Yousif was one of many students in **Becky Johnson's** 2nd period art one class who chose to work with watercolors when creating many assigned projects for the year long course.



students brighten up halls with artistic *innovations*

Out of the corner of your eye, a flash of color averted your attention. Eclectic works of art adorned two display cases showcasing the flair and individuality of some talented students.

The classes that spawned such creativity included art 1 and 2, drawing and painting, 3-D Design 1, 2, and 3; A.P. art; and independent study.

In Art 1 and 2 and the 3-D classes, students learned and practiced various skills used in composing two- and three-dimensional works of art. "The relaxed and informal class environment really made the creative process so much easier," junior **Claire Wood** said about her 3-D class. A.P. art students had the chance to create portfolios, using the skills they obtained throughout their academic art careers.

A unique class option available to advanced students was the opportunity to take independent study. The class was designed to give students the opportunity to focus on particular projects. It allowed them greater creative control and the ability to work on more high-level projects. "I was able work at my own pace," senior **Eleanore Neumann** said, "and I also got more attention and constructive criticism from the teacher."

Art Club shared many creative contributions with the campus throughout the year. During Homecoming, they organized the painting of Rider Drive. Unfortunately a few days later rain washed away most of their hard work, but the

brilliant colors of the design helped boost the morale and school spirit of the student body during homecoming week.

Another project was selling pumpkins during fall conferences. Hy-Vee and Drugtown donated the pumpkins that were painted and decorated to sell. The pumpkins were sold out within 2 days. "It was great getting together as a group to paint and decorate them," said junior **Anna Gajdel**.

Art became more than a school class for students, through community projects and creative minds.

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Did you know?

1. X-Ray technology has shown there are 3 different versions of the Mona Lisa under the visible version.
2. Vincent Van Gogh cut off his left ear in a fit of insanity.
3. The world's smallest painting, a miller and his mill, was painted on a kernel of corn.

**source: AmusingFacts.com*



Head of the class. Sculptures of seniors **Erika Anderson**, **Jessica Goldman**, **Christina Gulick** and junior **Jessyka Clark** are bustin' out in **Becky Johnson's** 3-D Honors class.

All by myself. Senior **Eleanore Neumann** didn't have to worry about distractions since she was the only student in her 4th period independent study class.



Strut your Stuff! Seniors **Emily Baitzer** and **Maren Gregersen** show off their moves at the Winter Concert while performing the song "Burnin' Love". The choir started their act in glittering blue dresses and vests, but half-way through the show, members tore off the blue to reveal another layer of sparkling neon green material underneath.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin

Hang ten, dude. Junior **Alex Beatty** and sophomore **Michael Brown** display their 60's inspired dance moves during JV show choir's performance at the Winter Concert.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin



Rising talent. Mixed chorus member sophomore **Patty Riley** sits on the risers while looking through a piece during class. Riley said she enjoyed having a music class during the day because it gave her a break from the rest of the school day.

Photo by Elizabeth Emsweller



Double vision. Reflecting on his musical abilities, junior chamber choir member **Brian Bell** rehearses the song "Tico Tico" for the jazz choir ensemble contest he was preparing for in May.

looking back on laughs and *the music*

Here are some selected students' memories from the 2002-2003 choir classes:

"One day **Chris Abbott** and **Jamalle Castillo** put on old show choir dresses and danced around the room. It was really funny! They come out of nowhere in those dresses while we were practicing during class." -senior **Ainslee Ericson**, varsity show choir

During the month of December, show and Chamber choirs performed at a variety of middle schools. While at a Merrill Middle School performance, JV show choir member junior **Liza Sharp** witnessed a revealing performance by senior **Christina Gulick**. "Her dress started undoing while she was dancing," Sharp explained, "since she was performing she couldn't do really anything about it." Fortunately, Gulick's dress didn't come all the way done, just enough to give Sharp and Gulick a memorable inside joke.

During the Winter holiday season, members of the varsity show choir delivered boxes of food to needy people. For senior **Emily Baitzer**, one delivery stood out: "I went up to one of the apartments and knocked on the door and yelled, 'Your turkey is here,' and I heard from inside a man's muffled voice say, 'Sweet'. I didn't know if he was coming to the door or not so I waited outside with this giant box of food. I guess he thought I had just left the food and gone, because when he saw me he looked surprised and exclaimed, 'I'm naked!' I set the box down and slowly walked away, trying not to laugh too loud."

Sophomore **Casey Evans** had an amusing memory of mixed chorus teacher **Mike Walag**. "We sang a song right and Mr. Walag jumped on top of the piano and started to dance".

Our favorite part of being in a choir:

"Going to contests as a group and doing well."

Elyse Claiborne, freshman

"Hot girls taking off their clothes right in front of us. The music is fantastic, too."

Alex Munns, senior

"The competitions, because we get to show off what we worked on the first part of the year, and we try to get a trophy for it."

Demetria Witt, sophomore

"It's gotta be the ladies."

Brian Bell, junior

Catch me if you can. Varsity show choir does one final practice the day before the Winter Choir Concert in the auditorium. Junior **Anne Lingwall** collapsed into the arms of senior **Alex Munns** for the dramatic conclusion of "Burnin' Love". We think it might have been an exhaustion induced faint from all that practicing, too.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin



Cross my heart. Chamber choir member junior **John Spinks** rehearses a piece during class while apparently holding the music sheets to his chest in order to protect them.

Photos by Keshia Palmer

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Elizabeth Crispin

I win! Finishing up an intense game of slap jack at junior **Brandon Havel's** house, junior **Katie Milobar** rubs her win in junior **Ben Fallon's** face. After the game was finished, Fallon left the table upset because he had lost to a girl.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



Rock on! In between shows at the Fallout Shelter, freshmen **Damien Helfer** and **Lauren Summers** work the admission table. The shelter was host to many local rock shows on Friday and Saturday nights.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



Check the score.

During their third bowling game at Val Lanes, seniors **Justin Dalbey**, **Nick Porter** and Dalbey's girlfriend Hoover student May Deuanepenh check out their scores. Porter ended up winning with a score of 118 Dalbey came in second with 117, and Deuanepenh came in last with a low 86.

Photo By Dana Bartolomei



One taco or two?

After picking up his order at Tasty Tacos, junior **Jason Reynolds** hopes to be reminded how many taco's he actually bought.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



Go Riders! At the Hoover basketball game, sophomores **Mary Harding** and **Meredith Cooney** and seniors **Christina Gulick** and **Jessica Wilson** cheer, while junior **Danny Flattery** checks out the crowd.

Photo by Keshia Palmer



two days to scoop loops and *taste tacos*

Friday nights in Des Moines were often dull and lifeless at first glance. But students used their imaginations to make their two days of freedom worthwhile. "There's nothing to do in Des Moines so **Cole (Groff)**, **Chris (Gallant)** and I go to Air Lanes and play pool," junior **Nathan Cox** said.

Friday night sports became social events for many students. Football, basketball, and hockey games were all jumping off points for later events of the evening.

Local rock shows also drew many students to places like the Fallout Shelter and Java Joe's. "We catch local shows or bigger concerts when they're around. I like the concert scene, it doesn't matter what music it is," senior **Sonia Skidmore** said.

Food was resorted to on many occasions when other entertainment was not available. Hot spots like Tasty Taco's, the food and crew at Ted's Coney Island, Perkins and late night favorite Big Tomato Pizza became local haunts for midnight snacking.

The party scene whether in hotel rooms, houses, apartment buildings or faraway fields was an exceptional find. Many different groups of students could be found gathered together on many a Friday night listening to everything from Jack Johnson to Def Leppard, enjoying a game of poker, or just catching up on the new gossip.

For students who wanted to get down and dirty, there were also many night clubs that sponsored high school and college nights like downtown's Statik and West Des Moines' Vieux Carre. Multi-

level dance floors, top 40 and hip-hop music and cash prizes all enticed students to check out the capitol city's club scene.

A new phenomenon to hit Des Moines was "fight night" at concert venue Toad Holler. Students were drawn to the intense boxing matches held there on Wednesday nights.

Although students had to be quite creative at times in order to insure that weekends were a good time, whatever we did and wherever we went, we let go of the week's problems and got our chill on with friends.

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Get your hair did!

Getting prepared to hit the clubs, sophomore **Ebone Bell** gets her hair styled at Evolutions by Design salon. Bell and friends often got their hair done together right after school on Friday afternoons, to make sure it looked just right for a long weekend of dancing and partying.

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Keshia Palmer

What is your favorite part about the nightlife in Des Moines?



*161 students surveyed



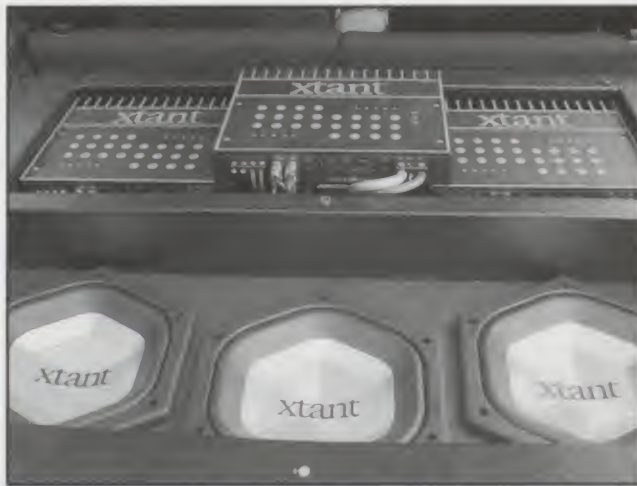
Hands off.

Having an Audi TT is cool, but owning an Audi TT formerly owned by Corey Taylor from *Slip Knot* is even cooler. Senior **Matt Buchanan** always added a little class to the "band lot" when his ride was parked in his designated corner spot. Buchanan even spent \$XXXX on a security system to protect the car.

Photo by Josh Anderson

Hey, baby. While talking to her boyfriend senior **Nick Renkoski**, senior **Liz Lidgett** takes a breather on her Eldorado before leaving for Central Campus. The blue Caddy still managed to retain its charm (and size) after 26 years.

Photo by Hannah Garrison



Noise ordinance! Junior **Aldin Pavulj's** 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse is not an ordinary car, with its multi-thousand dollar sound system. "After a month of having the system, I blew it up and had to replace the whole thing," Plauvj said.

Photo by Jasmina Pandur



Wheels keep a 'turnin. During the grueling 20 minute daily trek from Cummings, Sophomore **Kate McBride** puts the miles on her 1991 Toyota Four-Runner. "It's a champ that keeps going. It just hit 212,000 miles last week," McBride said.

Photo by Josh Anderson



teen drivers put the pedal to the metal in *high style*

Despite the fact that we had to drag ourselves to school by 7:05 every school day to grab one of a few coveted parking spots, students found that cars were still one of the best ways to get noticed, or to express their individuality.

Senior **Liz Lidgett** made her vehicular mark at school when she was given her dream car, a 1976 Cadillac Eldorado for her sweet 16. With an impressive eight accidents over the course of one year, Lidgett was forced to get a job last summer to pay for the damage she caused "Blueie." The many dingers and fender-benders came as no surprise to Lidgett. "It's like a boat!" she said. Other added costs included about \$40 a month for gas plus a new CD player. "I had to get a CD player because the only eight-track in the car was Diana Ross," Lidgett said.

As you gazed out the window during fifth hour you saw Lidgett's Cadillac barreling down Rider Drive, and you were pulled out of a day dream by junior **Aldin Pavulj**'s multi-thousand dollar system in his 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse GS. Paying more than \$25,000 for "Zeap" and another \$200 a month in insurance, Pavulj endured a full-time work schedule at Burger King. "I could race it if there wasn't so much weight in back," Pavulj said. One of the main reasons he bought the car was that there were only five Eclipses in the world made with that particular shade of blue.

Sophomore **Katie McBride** may not have had the fanciest color scheme, but her red 1990 Toyota 4-Runner saw a lot of action. "Just last week it hit 212,000 miles!" McBride said. "I travel from Cummings everyday, so my parents gave me the car so they wouldn't have to drive me everywhere." Overall, McBride liked sharing the road with other cars. "They're down there, and I'm up here," she said about her S.U.V.'s size.

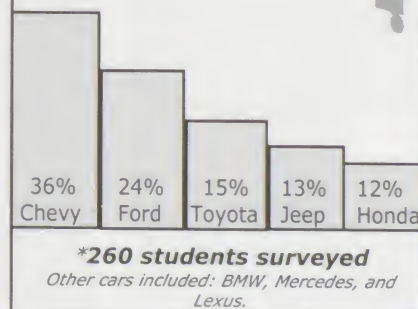
As long as the weather permitted, Center Street, Rider Drive and Chamberlain Street were cluttered with Cadillacs going well over the speed limit, battered S.U.V.'s, and audio systems crashing through the sound barrier.

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Big Pimpin'. When standing next to senior **Nick Porter's** Chevy Tahoe, you couldn't help but feel dwarfed by the 22 inch rims on his massive S.U.V.

Photo by Sarah Hunter

Top 5 car models students drove



Did you get the memo? For a birthday prank, junior **Ali Nielson's** Nissan Quest is decorated with hundreds of blank yellow sticky notes.

Photo by Josh Anderson

Slow down As students scurry to lunch, junior **Josh Anderson** adds a little fear to their day with his 1998 Crown Victoria. "I really like the looks I get in my car. The car was a great investment at only \$1,500 from a police auction," Anderson said.

Photo by Sarah Hunter



Masterpiece in progress. In the 3rd scene of *All in the Timing* senior **Andy Couch**, junior **Dawnielle Simmons** and sophomore **Jordan Jepsen** set out to prove that three monkeys typing into infinity will sooner or later produce Hamlet.

Photo by Sarah Hunter

Breaktime! Crew member freshman **Katie Garton** takes some time out to finish her homework backstage during Summer Brave.

Photo by Keshia Palmer



Breaktime! "I've been here for four years and this is the probably best picture they have of me," said senior **Nick Renkoski** of this photo.

Photo by Sarah Hunter

Fore! In the second scene of *All in the Timing*, junior **Marnie Strate** and sophomore **Dan Sherman** tee off. "I always looked forward to the line 'Just remember one thing, miniature golf is bigger than you or me'," Strate said of one of her scenes. *Photo by Sarah Hunter*





"Teeth marks! Madge, whose been biting you?" exclaims senior **Abby Glawe** to senior **Leslie Foshe**. Glawe recalled the difficulty of the scene in which she was required to make her good friend cry.

Photo by Sarah Hunter

Getting into character! Sophomore **Bill Johnson** gets ready for the show's dress rehearsal. For Foreplay, the second scene of *All in the Timing*, sophomore **Dan Sherman**, Johnson and senior **Chase Huey**, all had to wear identical hair and makeup.

Photo by Sarah Helt



brave thespians time two productions in **two months**

It was a tragedy on April 3rd, opening night of *All in the Timing*. Back stage, senior **Ren Waddell** fell off a table and injured her knee and ankle. But the show must go on, which is what she did, continuing the play to its' end even with an injury.

In the spring of 2003, the drama department had the task of putting on two productions over a period of two months. *Summer Brave*, a drama set in a small Kansas town in the 1950's, hit the stage March 6th and 7th. Included in the cast of quirky characters was Mrs. Potts played by senior **Rachel Gruis**. "The best part about being Mrs. Potts was that when everything fell apart, I was the only one left standing," Gruis said. Junior **Glenn Burmeister**, who played Alan, had an enjoyable experience onstage. "The best part of the show was getting to know all of the seniors before they left," Burmeister said.

The second spring production, *All in the Timing*, was a sharp contrast to the intense drama of the first production. The comedy featured six different scenes with varying themes: the hidden meanings of dinner-party conversation, three versions of a scripted date, and three monkeys with typewriters. Also included were: a made up language, Unamunda; a character who realized that he's a typewriter on the inside; and variations of the death of a Russian political theorist. "It was incredibly difficult to learn another language," sophomore **Sarah Helt** said. "It was completely made up and difficult at times to recite."

The Friday night performance of *All in the Timing* featured a special scene involving drama teacher **Lori Glawe**, director **Erika Greenfield**, and coach **Eric Lee**.

The scene gave the students a look at the talent of their instructors. Glawe jumped at the chance when asked to participate in the scene. "It sounded like a fun idea, and I hadn't been on stage in awhile. Although I was nervous in front of my students I had a great time," Glawe said.

Injuries, memorization troubles, and underlying metaphors aside, the cast and crew of both productions managed to pull off great performances that left the audience both filled with anguish and rolling in the aisles.

Sarah Hunter

Translations for the Unamunda language from *All in the Timing*

Video da klip in da peeper
-You saw the ad in the paper
Melgibson da rest en de morgen
- I will pay you the rest in the morning
Squeegie la mezza
- Excuse the mess
Howardjohnson
- How to say
Votsda mattress
- What's the matter
Da linkw het berf
oonidevairsifyalla da
peephos enda vooool!
- The language that will unite humankind!

Calm, cool and collected. As freshmen **Sakina Ilyazada**, **Shukriya Ilyaszada** and **Nadia Ilyaszada** wait for a tutor to explain a question, they relax in the quiet environment of the library.

*Photo by
Josh Anderson*



Fun with acids and bases. Juniors **Bryce Carithers** and **Jessie Peiffer** brush up on their chemistry knowledge for their first semester final test. Their group efforts were a common sight in the Peiffer household.

Photo by Sarah Hunter



Concentrate! Sophomore **Ebone Bell** concentrates on studying a review sheet for her math class. Bell went to the library because it was one of the quietest places in the school she could find to get her work completed.

Estudian Mucho. Freshman **Leah Pope** gets some help from junior **Dash Kelley**. The two studied Spanish in the Library, which was open the Sunday before finals for extra book time.

*Photos by
Josh Anderson*



preparing for tests & having fun **bookin' it**

‘The Infamous Study Group’ was the name of junior **Gerald Bonner**’s study group. “We study math, females, science, clothes and money,” Bonner said. “I like to take 40 minute breaks after each question.” Bonner’s group met every Friday night around 8 PM. at his house to see how much work they could actually get accomplished.

While many students had never considered studying with friends, others got together and built a support group with other students who could help them out. Study groups helped us get the needed info for important quiz’s and complex assignments.

“The best part of studying with others is that someone will know the right answer,” junior **Ali Nielson** said. “We usually meet before big tests or projects.” The five to ten students in Nielson’s study group met weekly in her dining room.

Nielson’s group found that study groups weren’t only for studying but for having some fun too. “Half the time we like to make fun of **Oliver (Borzo)** because he’s an easy target,” junior **Thom Wathers** said, “and I like the cookies.” Consuming baked goods became a tradition at Nielson’s house. Her mom made home-made treats every time they met for a study session.

Sophomore **Katie McBride** met every weekend with two other friends to study for weekly AP European history tests. Since there was so much material, it helped to talk through it with a friend while having some fun at the same time. “We have a lot of inside jokes about the text we study,” McBride said.

“Study groups are excellent. It offers a chance for kids to teach each other and you always learn more by teaching someone else,” **Lyn Shiffler** said. The biology teacher’s room often hosted small groups of students who worked together on various projects after school with the added benefit of using the resources available in her classroom’s lab.

No matter how overwhelming the material may have been, study groups made the process a little easier to swallow.

Jasmina Pandur

To study with friends...or alone. What do you think?

(Study groups are) a waste of time because you don’t end up studying. You socialize more.
Justina Edwards, freshman

I don’t even study. But when I go to college I think I might start.
Albert Claytor, senior

(Study groups) can be good if you are with the right people.
Christa Sesker, sophomore

Group Effort. While looking over their notes, freshmen **Danielle Argumedo, Keeley Frahm-Lowe,** and **Sara Eimers** put their brains together to get the right answer.

Photo by Josh Anderson

A little help never hurts. Sophomore **Yawusa Kiuda** listens as teacher **Jean Walker** explains to him how to better understand a few math problems during the Sunday study day in the library.

Photo by Josh Anderson



Straight up. Junior flutist **Kiersten Cooley** is in perfect form as she plays measure 13 during "Esprit de Corps". Cooley was preparing for the music department's trip to the California Heritage Music Festival held over spring break in Anaheim, California.

Photo by Keshia Palmer

Dark Ivy. Playing the lead alto saxophone part in Concert Band, junior **Chad Allen** gets his feeling across through the melody on "Colours Movement Five". Allen was a member of Concert Band as well as Jazz Band I.

Photo by Keshia Palmer



Instruments up!

Senior Drum Major **Robin Svec** directs the band during half-time at a football game against North. The marching band received a division one rating at the state competition.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Chords on the

Line. The Jazz Band's song "Second Cousins" calls for a sweet guitar line played by senior **David Lindell**. The band placed third at the Hoover Jazz Festival on March 1.

Photo by Natalie Lawrence





band keeps on marching to **place no. 1**

Marching in the rain and losing shoes in the mud. Throughout the fall, marching band showed how to play their music even when it was hard to keep spirits high.

The marching band consisted of 100 band members, with the help of the color guard performing at football games. The marching band started practicing two weeks before school started, led by third year teacher **Joe Rich** and 4th year teacher **Treg Marcellus**.

The band earned another division one rating in the marching band competition. This was the second win in a row for the group. For band members, the award was a validation of their hard work. "This was a great year for us and we hope to go for three years in a row next year," Rich said. They participated in three competitions and also played at the varsity football games during the game and during halftime. The band also placed second at the Urbandale marching contest.

Senior drum majors **Robin Svec** and **Melissa Douglas** led the marching band in all their competitions and guided them to success. "Being a drum major was like having a big leadership role in the band. It was good to know that the underclassmen looked up to you," Douglas said.

Along with the division one rating, the concert band qualified four members to the All-State competition. The group consisted of seniors **Andrew Binkard** and **Matt Pokorny**; and juniors **Cliff Mayo**, **Katie Spitler** and **Ari Micich**. The state competition

was held in Ames. "It was nice to play with students from other schools and it was good to represent TRHS," Binkard said.

With the combined success of the marching band and concert band, the group took pride in what they had accomplished, and hoped for continued strength next year.

Charlie Bartlett



Swing it. Junior **Rachel Gulick** knows how to have fun in Jazz Band I. Gulick brought a good range of scale, tone and attitude to the band when she played her trumpet.

Photo by Natalie Lawrence

Angel from above. Senior drum major **Melissa Douglas** conducts the band through its big finale of their half-time football show, "The Divine Comedy." It was Douglas' first and last year directing the marching band to a Division I rating.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Chime in. Freshman **Sterling Cannaday** plays the chimes. Cannaday was involved in band since elementary school, playing the drums as well as chimes. He was also a percussionist in Jazz Band II.

Photo by Keshia Palmer



**There was more
than one way to
play in the band!
Student band
groups included**

Jazz Band I
Jazz Band II
Concert Band
Marching Band
Pep Band
Jazz Combination Groups

blender

Dip baby, dip! Senior **David Briedis** does a few reps of the "dips" routine. Dipping involved lifting your own body weight to help strengthen upper body muscles. The optional conditioning section of P.E. allowed students to get their bodies in ever better shape for various sports, like varsity golf for Briedis.

All photos by LaShay Terrell



Work or play? Sophomore **Muataz Ahmed** shows his multitasking skills while doing a routine called bicep curls and chatting up his friends during P.E. Muataz was known to get his flirt on several times while doing various workout routines.

Come on work it out now! Senior **Changkuoth Puot** tries to build up more muscle mass by doing a weight exercise called "the clean." Weights available in the gym ranged from 2 1/2 to 100 pounds.



Bas-ket-ball! Freshmen **Elissa Robinson** and **Misty Bell** earn some P.E. credit by playing a little two on two, as Robinson attempts to block Bell's shot. The girls could be found at their designated hoop everyday, with their fans looking on from the bleachers. "I only come to gym because I love basketball," Robinson said.

putting forth energy and achieving **total fitness**

Students had to put forth a little more effort to earn their P.E. credit after a new dress code was enforced, and sitting by the wall was no longer an option. Students had the choice of recreational games; which consisted of activities such as basketball, the very popular walking class, and conditioning class—a total fitness class that involved running laps around the track. Teachers also wanted to offer biking, but not enough students signed up for it.

"All students must dress, they have to wear blue white or gray to avoid a standard uniform. It's also a good idea for hygiene," physical education teacher **Steve Teter** said. Physical education teacher **Mike Wilson** voiced that "there always has been a dress code, with the exception of the last six years because of lack of locker space."

The seniors had an advantage didn't have to dress out in their walking or bowling classes.

The underclassmen found the new rules to be unnecessary. "I think it sucks, and I think the principal shouldn't be trying to change what we've been doing all these years," junior **Jennifer Morris** said.

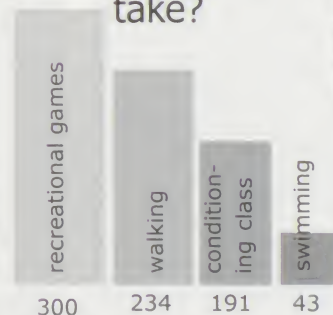
Other students didn't mind the new rules as much, but didn't like the time of day they had gym. Sophomore **Melanie Wise** said: "I don't like it, but I don't really mind because I only have gym Tuesdays and Thursdays. I don't like to get sweaty before all my other classes, so I wish I had gym at the end of the day, though."

Gym classes consisted of two-to-three-week units, and the activities were chosen by students. Freshmen were required to take and complete health and swimming units in order to graduate.

"I think it's a necessity for what we're trying to do to improve overall fitness," physical education teacher **Felicity Croat** said, summing up the administration's reason for making p.e. less talk and more action.

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What P.E. classes did students take?



*768 total students in classes

You got game?

Freshmen **Courtney Mtyari** and **DeAndre Petty** shoot some free throws during P.E. The two were trying to prove who the better baller was. They decided they both were.

Feel the burn.

Junior **Alex Mackey** pumps some iron while doing a tricep extension. "I work out on a daily basis to stay slim and trim," he said. The workouts helped keep up his endurance for his intense skateboarding sessions.

5, 6, 7, 8. Sophomore **Caleb Kebede**, junior **Suzanne Wedeking**, senior **Stephanie Grey** and sophomore **Megan Whetstone** try to find the beat during a rehearsal of one of their orchestra pieces. Before the orchestra's fall performance, the group practiced overtime during and after school to perfect every note. *Photo by Wanakee Carr*



Rise and shine! In the wee hour of first period, Orchestra teacher **Sandy Tatge** wakes up the students with her expensive (and loud) megaphone. *Photo by Ameria Adair*



Concentration. Junior violinist **Liza Sharp** concentrates on the rhythm. When playing in the orchestra, students needed to listen to the other instruments and musicians around them to make sure everyone was in unison at all times. *Photo by Ameria Adair*





1 and 2 and... Thinking about the tempo, sophomore **Rafaela Pfister** counts out the beats in her head. With 8:00 a.m. practices, students sometimes had some trouble keeping up with key changes and complex chords.

Photo by America Adair

Double Time! Junior cellists **Katie McGuire** and **David Hanson** practice a piece during morning orchestra class.

Photo by Wanakee Carr



gifted students work hard at **all-state**

This year the orchestra boated the largest group in a decade. The 72 member strong group was not only made up of enrolled students, but also out-of-district and home-school students interested in participating in the award-winning program.

The number of students that attended the All-State Music Festival was also at an all time high. The three day music festival was held at Hilton Coliseum in Ames. Ten musicians were chosen to participate in the festival: violinists juniors **Suzanne Wedeking** and **Natasha Kim** and freshman **Paul Child**; violist junior **Jenna Spiering**; Cellists senior **Ryan Child**, junior **Paige Richards** and sophomore **Neil Anderson**; string bassists junior **Ruthie Lucas** and sophomore **Joe Mattson**; and alternate cellist sophomore **Caitlin Sims**.

During the all-state audition students were required to play a solo piece, excerpts from orchestra music, and two randomly picked scales at a rapid tempo. Students typically began practicing for all-state at least five months in advance.

Once making it past the first audition, the next step was auditioning for a chair position. The auditions took up most of the first day in Ames. The next day rehearsal started at nine a.m. and lasted all day. On the day of the concert, students still endured a lengthy morning rehearsal, and one last afternoon dress rehearsal.

By the time of the concert, students' nerves were overworked. Junior Jenna Spiering turned on her hotel iron so she could iron her skirt for the final

performance. A few moments later, Spiering went back to check on it, but accidentally burned a welt on her arm. She still placed the iron onto her skirt, and as she did, the iron burnt a hole through both layers of the fabric. Thankfully, her mom bought her a new skirt and Spiering was able to perform.

Although butterflies and grueling practices made orchestra members a little tired, the end result of making it to the final performance was well worth the effort.

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Play it up! Avid viola player junior **Katie McBride** plays early in the morning. McBride played not only in the orchestra, but also played gigs outside of school which were set up through orchestra teacher **Sandy Tatge**.

Photo by America Adair

Oh Boy! Advanced musician senior **Ryan Child** flies through his daily practice during first period. Child was accepted into the Des Moines Symphony for next fall's season. Child was also accepted to attend the Aspen Music Festival last summer for nine weeks.

Photo by America Adair

Student Facts:

Junior **Suzanne Wedeking** plays the guitar, violin, piano, and flute.

Many orchestra students start playing in the orchestra in 8th grade, but some start as early as 4th grade.

Senior **Ryan Child** was accepted into the Des Moines Symphony, and has received many honors for his playing.



Look at me! Juggling three tennis balls grabs the attention of junior **Tyler Mitchell's** math class. He received a lot of attention from his juggling act. Mitchell tried to teach other math students, but it is harder than it looks.

Photo by Paul Asjes



Crunching numbers. During a home wrestling meet, freshman **Teresa Larew** and junior **Lauren Wendehl** keep track of the boys' scores. The combined pressure of accurately recording wins and losses and adding them up proved to be a time-consuming job for the wrestling managers.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Stretch it baby! Freshman **Erica Wollcot** joins other freshmen cheerleaders to loosen up for practice. Wollcot didn't really need to stretch a whole lot because she could bend any way easily, like the splits or touch her leg to her head. Because of her special abilities she was able to do special stunts for cheerleading.

Photo by Paul Asjes

Pucker up! Taunting a caged cat, junior **Elizabeth Kelley** holds up a kitten named Linus. Cleaning kennels and taking care of animals that stayed overnight were some of the responsibilities that Kelly was in charge of at Heartland Animal Hospital.

Photo by Paul Asjes

That's the spot! With their magical hands, junior **Lydia Clark** and sophomore **Sarah Guttzell** get the kinks out of seniors **Zach Stubbs'** and **Ben Karney's** backs. Massaging out kinks was an integral part of swimming, because crampage was one of the boys' worst fears. Stubbs and Karney finished the practice cramp-free.

Photo by Hannah Garrison



getting the girl or the grade **with talent**

Whether trying to impress their friends or trying to improve their bodies and minds, students sometimes chose to reveal their hidden talents.

Sophomore **Erica Wollcott** was one example, born as flexible as a rubber band. As a cheerleader, she was able to do special stunts like run out onto the football field and jump into the splits. Another flexible technique she mastered was pulling her leg up to touch the back of her head. Although she never needed to stretch to get this spry, she started doing the splits at age five. She was not always aware of the extent of her flexibility. It was only after she was assigned by her eighth grade drama teacher to find her hidden talent that she discovered just how flexible she was. Friends could even find Wollcott watching TV in the splits position.

Physics teacher **Mike Blair** showed off his talent to his students. During the chapter on force and acceleration, Blair demonstrated force by breaking a board completely in two with a karate chop. Everyone who saw was impressed. Blair said he was confident he wouldn't be hurt if he performed his talent correctly.

In math class, junior **Tyler Mitchell** tried to impress the female population when he pulled out three tennis balls and demonstrated his juggling skills. Everyone wanted to try, and he quickly became the most famous student in his Central Academy math class. Mitchell's math teacher Tim Zimmerman used the juggling display to help demonstrate the usefulness of derivatives in real life.

Senior **Adam Moore** amazed friends who visited his house. The *Star Wars* super fan was able to play virtually any song by ear on the piano. His forte was playing the theme to *Star Wars*. His friends were amazed when they found out about his talent. "It's a part of him that I never expected to see," senior **Aaron Mailey** said.

The phrase "don't judge a book by its' cover" was proven again by student abilities. Under the surface, talent abounded. It was only a matter of time before it surfaced.

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**If you could have one
super-talent, what
would it be?**

Photographic memory-7%

X-ray vision -11%

Stopping Time-12%

Genius level skills-17%

Psychic powers-25%

Ability to fly-28%

**171 students surveyed*





Get out of my face. Sophomore **Frank Hansman** pesters junior **Jordi Mumma-Coleman** about her contribution to the journalism totem pole. Both Hansman and Mumma-Coleman joined the staff second semester.

Doh! Junior **Cole Groff** experiences writer's block as senior **Seth Van Winkle** pounds out his story. The two were writing their first articles for the paper.

Delivery Man. Senior **Sireono Sheley** brings the staff grub from Wendy's during a layout night. Sheley offered to do so after completing his stories.



Too much work. While trying to think of a good headline for a features section story, senior **Liz McNulty** looks like she's exhausted from the work load that editor-in-chief **Leigh Zisko** has laid upon her shoulders.

What's black and white and read all over? Junior **James Faber** checks out the competition as he reads the *Northwest Passage*, a student run newspaper. The journalism department subscribed to newspapers from around the country which enabled them to see what issues were on students' minds.



I'm an artist! Seniors **Liz McNulty**, **Molly McMahon**, and **Leigh Zisko** paint on the newspaper's half of the journalism totem pole. Both the newspaper and yearbook staff's created the symbol of friendship out of Dell computer boxes on the first day of second semester.



A touch of yellow. Sophomore **Emily Svec** and junior **Stephanie McConeghey** bond while painting a section of the journalism totem pole.

Go Team Go! The staff gets impatient while sharing paint. "We weren't allowed to paint everything we wanted to because some people found it too edgy!" Sophomore **Patrick Zisko** said.



Workin' hard, layin' out to get *it all done*

How much work went into creating one of the top 64 high school newspapers in the nation? Patience, pizza, and lots of overtime in room 146 proved to be the sustaining factors to journalistic success.

Senior **Leigh Zisko** was editor-in-chief while senior **Molly McMahon** dished out the stories to the staff as managing editor. *The Roundup* celebrated its 80th birthday this year, covering school issues during the good, the bad, and the ugliest times in our history since 1922.

The newspaper staff put blood, sweat, and tears into the twenty page long paper (well, kind of). "At first, I wanted to pursue a career in journalism," Zisko said. "but that crashed and burned after the first issue's layout night."

The Roundup's center spread, created by seniors **Andrew Binkard** and **Seth Van Winkle** attracted readers to the issues with their graphic designs. Newspaper topics ranged from mental health to special occasions to a fairy-tale utopian high school.

One of the most in-depth topics covered in the centerspread was the mental health issue. Opinions like senior **Jessica Lewis'** showed how a traumatic experience could change a person's mental outlook on the world.

The Roundup didn't cover only sports, entertainment, and cover ideas. There was also a features page which was focused on one specific topic every issue.

The "perfect prank" page showed the lighter side of the staff's personality. Prank topics ranged from slippers to cow costumes. The hits and misses feature clued students in to the hot and cold topics circulating in the media, world, and at school.

Although it had about 1600 tough critics, *The Roundup* still sustained a three week circulation schedule and strived to cover topics relevant to students and the community.

Jessica Lewis



Little strummer boy.

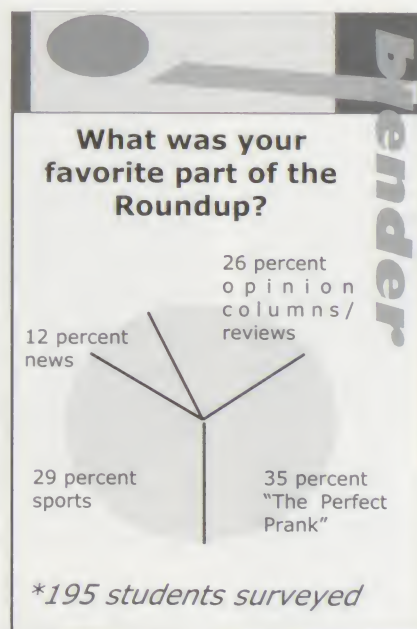
Sophomore **David Moll** plays senior **Sireono Sheley's** guitar. Sheley brought his guitar to school for safekeeping before his garage band's afternoon practice.



Fashionista. While taking a timeout from setting up some new computers, senior **Leigh Zisko** puts on a styrofoam packing square, hoping to start a new trend.

*All photos by
Jessica Lewis*

**Ride 'em
cow boy!**
Sophomores **Patrick Zisko** and **Charlie Frederici** rope it up while executing the Valentine issue's perfect prank. For their assignment, Zisko got dressed up in a cow costume and ran into various fast food restaurants while Frederici tried to wrangle him in. Sonic Drive-In's manager was so impressed by the show that she offered Zisko an application for employment on the spot. *Photo by Molly McMahon*





Yo, yo, check it. Senior **Ameria Adair** freestyles to the beat of "Grinding" by Cipse the day before Thanksgiving break. The staff gathered around Adair with excitement as she flowed for the entire period. Adair created rhymes about turkey, gravy, and senior **Nwannaka Eke's** favorite, hot grits. *Photo by Maggie Dolan*

This plate tastes soooo good. All natural **Lisa Swegle** chows down on a pancake during winter break after waking up early to work with the editors. Her hair was still wet from an early morning shower. *Photo by Hannah Garrison*



What a mess. Junior student life editors **Josh Anderson** and **Maggie Dolan** look at the student life section spreads. There were many corrections to be made. "It's so irritating trying to get people to do their work," Anderson said.

Photo by Hannah Garrison

A good read. Looking at other yearbooks is a good source of inspiration for seniors **Elizabeth Emsweller**, **Elizabeth Crispin**, and junior **Roland Harris**. Crispin was also sporting her "blue crew" t-shirt made for the journalism department. *Photo by Paul Asjes*



Hard work, rapping, food, & music all build **champions**

Talk to the hand. Yearbook girls relive their elementary school days. Seniors **Hannah Garrison** and **Lisa Weber** led other female staff members in clapping games, including favorites "Miss Suzy" and "Raw Macaroni". Quick-hands Weber won raw macaroni. "The time couldn't have been better spent," junior clapper **Wanakee Carr** said.

Photo by Paul Asjes



I don't think it should look like that. Juniors **Sarah Hunter** and **Jasmina Pandur** ponder how to lay out the study groups student life spread. The spread was finally finished after months of work because it was next to impossible to find students actually studying.

Photo by Paul Asjes

The Roughrider yearbook celebrated its 80th birthday this year. For the previous two years, the Roosevelt yearbook won Best-in-State at the Iowa High School Press Association's yearly journalism conference.

The previous September, several yearbook staff members accompanied yearbook adviser **Lisa Swegle** to attend the conference to see if our yearbook was once again the best. The mood was formal, but when junior **Josh Anderson** took the stage to accept the award, he held it over his head yelling out in ecstasy his pleasure that Roosevelt had won 1st place. On the way home, Anderson stuck his head out of the sun roof of Swegle's Mazda 626 holding the new award and shouting out his pride to the busloads of students from surrounding Iowa high schools.

"I want us to always be productive and fantastic, but also hopefully have some fun," senior editor-in-chief **Hannah Garrison** said. Swegle took an interesting approach to making our yearbook the best. "I coach the top four people to help everyone else," she said. Creating interesting stories, taking quality photos, coming up with captions, and forming a unique theme and design was the staff's goal to create an amazing final product.

Getting good results took a lot of time and hard work. Junior **Josh Adcock** spent 12 hours of his winter break in the journalism room working on the fall sports section.

When staff members were in need of a break,

birthday parties were the best way to celebrate. A problem arose however when students started making up fake birthdays for themselves in hopes of a party. Junior **Wanakee Carr** had a total of four birthdays during the school year.

The staff definitely knew how to have fun. From playing grade school recess games to bagel fights, they somehow managed to conduct interviews, write stories, and take photos in between all the partying.

Rachel Prueitt
Paul Asjes

The sweet smell of success. Senior **Hannah Garrison** takes in the smell of teacher **Lisa Swegle**'s home-made pancakes. She and junior **Josh Adcock** came in during winter break to finish up short stories and captions. "We were under pressure to get the spreads done because of the new computers we were receiving," Swegle said. *Photo by Lisa Swegle*

Lick it good.

The whole staff sits at the big table while stuffing envelopes that contained information for family's about senior portraits and baby ads. Using an assembly line to stamp, stuff, and address the envelopes made the work go by more quickly. "Licking all of those envelopes made my tongue numb," junior **Samantha Wickard** said with a dry mouth.

Photo by Maggie Dolan

yearbook bloopers

Editor-in-chief **Hannah Garrison** "accidentally" took several close-up shots of a coach's butt while taking photos at a victory bell ringing.

Staff member **Jasmina Pandur** forgot a digital camera at **Fazolis** after taking pictures for her spread on a weekend. The camera was never returned.

sports

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girls tennis-**98**

boys soccer-**98**

girls soccer-**98**

S l a m dunk. At the last Lady Tanker's home swim meet, junior **D a n a Ketcher** attempts to push senior **M a t t Buchanan** in the pool. The swimmers performed the yearly ritual of dumping ice on manager's backs and shoving them into the pool, eventually succeeding in giving Buchanan a chlorine and water bath.


Photo by Josh Adcock



Ice ice baby.

A cheerleader is comforted by principal **A n i t a Micich** at a wrestling meet. She had to ice the injury.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Flyin' like an eagle. During the varsity boys basketball game against Ottumwa, senior **Aaron Hawthorne** soars past the competition to make a two point shot. The home crowd cheered the Riders on to victory.

*Photo
by Josh
Adcock*

The joy of winning the Dowling basketball game 60-59 at the last minute.

The pain when senior **Wilson Lewis** tore his ACL right before the kickoff of the varsity football season.

Sports had the ability to bring emotions to the surface of even the most timid athlete. Teams brought every type of person into a group to share exhilarating, terrifying, and breathtaking experiences. Sports characterized fusion.

The boys swim team cheered together, when senior **Dan McCarthy** finished last in a backstroke race, against only one opponent, freshman

The volleyball team traveled together to Pella to see the Central College volleyball team play.

The boys and girls cross country teams camped out on the track and helped each other complete the annual nonstop 24-hour run.

The varsity football team met at Denny's restaurant after every home game, win or lose.

Whether celebrating after a game or consoling a teammate after being fouled, teams stayed a united front. Adversity was faced head on, social barriers broken, and new doors opened to fuse teammates together.

We are the champions

Hundreds of shivering spectators stood cheering and screaming wildly in the 21 degree temperature at Kennedy Park in Fort Dodge. To seven varsity runners, the crowd became blurred figures frozen in time.

They were running toward the warm embers of a state victory on Nov. 2, seeking to claim the state title for a second year in a row. This was history in the making- sweet, fast and victorious.

The seven were in heaven when their 51 points demolished the state point record. Coach **Steve Brown** said this was the lowest point total in the history of the state cross country tournament.

The top 10 individual runners at state included junior captain **Austin Williamson**, 4th; sophomore **Kiel Uhl**, 6th; and sophomore **Jon Thomas**, 7th.

Other notable varsity runners included seniors **Joseph Yassin**, 56th; **Jim Schwartz**, 23rd; junior **Jeremiah Danga**, 21st; and sophomore **Yawusa Kinda**, 13th. Alternates were junior captain **Thom Waters** and senior **David Deng**.

Other team accomplishments included a No. 10 ranking in the nation. They received the rank after winning the Roy Giak Invitational at the University Of Minnesota's Les Bolstad golf course in Falcon Heights on Sept. 28. To the boys, the 54 degree weather with light rain and light wind made "perfect" running conditions. They knew this meet would be tough because they would be running against the best nationally ranked teams from seven

Strip tease. Juniors **Barnes Kelly**, **Oliver Borzo**, and **Jordan Jones** try to show off their skills by running through the parking lots after school. They were some of the top JV runners.

Photo by Roland Harris

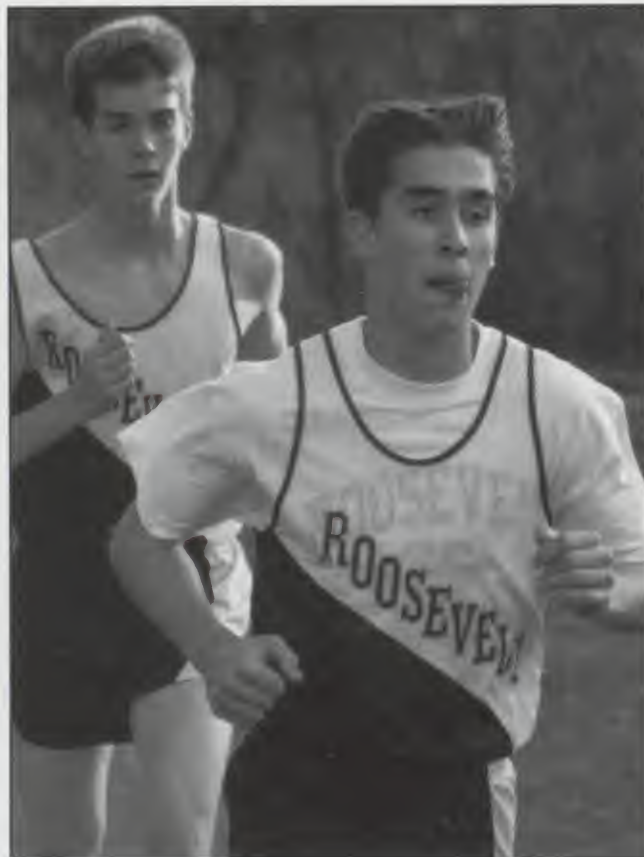
Run it in. Sophomore **Corey Uhl** finishes up the last leg of the **Ankney Invitational**. Uhl went on to place sixth at state.

Photo by Roland Harris



Work it. Senior **David Murrin von Ebers** and junior **Barnes Kelly** lead the pack at the Ames Invitational. It was the last JV meet.

Photo by Samatha Wickard



Alex Hubbell
Varsity golfer



Paul Soener
Varsity golfer

Boys golf

Team record: 3-5 in dual season

Tournament record- 2nd at metro conference, 7th at districts

Bret Sikkink- senior team captain
Luke Carson- freshman leader



Go! Sophomore **Cory Uhl**, junior **Ari Micich** and senior **Raj Borsellino** jump of the starting line as soon as they hear the gun trying to find the best spots in the "pack". The boys started off in a dead heat.

Photo by Roland Harris



Push it. At the Ames Invitational, junior **Austin Williamson** runs to yet another victory. Williamson was the varsity team's top runner all season and finished strong, placing fourth at state. Williamson found his strength freshman year, as one of the few freshmen on the varsity team.

Photo by Jasmina Pandur



Roll to victory. With his last burst of energy Senior **Jeremiah Danga** finishes in the top ten at the Newton Invitational. Danga placed 23rd at state.

Photo courtesy of Steve Brown

Tearing it up. Sophomore **Kiel Uhl** pushes with all his might to reach the finish line. Uhl surprised everyone when he showed the strength of underclass power by placing 6th at state. He also placed tenth at the Roy Giak Invitational, with his best time, 16:02.

Photo by Brad Pitt

different states. At this meet they had the lowest score ever in the history of that invitational.

"These guys have worked incredibly hard to get to this level and they know that if they go out and do their thing, things will eventually work out for them," Brown said.

The team's top runner was Williamson, was ranked No.1 in the state most of the season. "The one thing that makes us win is the constant encouragement we give each other," Williamson said. "Because you may be the one running, but the teammates cheering on the sides is what gets you through."

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losing: such sad sorrow

fallsports

The inevitable loss, a reality which athletes must face at least once in their life could tear you down and hit you where it hurt. The struggle to rebuild team morale was a long and dark trail to self-improvement.

One player who had a particularly hard time handling defeat was junior **Jenny Mosher**. After losing a game during the volleyball season, Mosher had to deal with mixed emotions about the loss. "I'm a very competitive person and I felt that because of my performance, I had let my team down. I felt that if I had played well, or even better, then I could have possibly improved the performance of others, and the outcome of the game," said Mosher. "I just had to

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Varsity girls swimming

Team Record: 10-1

Titles -city and conference champions, 4th at districts, 15th in state

Eleanore Neumann, Liz Yepsen, Kirby Shiffler and Robin Samples-team captains



Robin Samples
State Champion in 50 free

Lydia Clark
200 and 400 free relay
state qualifier



accept the fact that I didn't play my best and that the other team was better. I just worked even harder so we could win the next game," she said.

Junior swim team member **Suzie Cownie** didn't take loss well either. "Every time after I lost a race I would beat myself up about it," said Cownie. "I would get upset because I wanted to swim my best. (Coach Steve) Teter always said that I could swim the time that I wanted to swim. When I didn't, I felt like I had failed and let the team down."

It was easy to get upset over poor performance for junior **Matt Adrianse**, member of the boys golf team. "I would always get really mad when I didn't do well, because I knew that I would have done better if I had played better," said Adrianse.

Sophomore team member **Kate McBride** wouldn't let defeat get the best of her. "There were a couple of meets in a row when I would get the same exact time for each event. It really frustrated me because I knew that I could do better," said McBride. "Another time when I was swimming the 200-freestyle I miscounted and only swam a 150. I was so excited because I had finally caught up to the girl who was next to me and when I stopped, she kept swimming. I was so angry when I got out of the water, but Teter told me to not let it bother me and I felt better after a while," she said.

Different students had different ways of dealing with defeat. Whether it was crying, throwing objects, punching a wall, or closing yourself off in anger, students eventually got over it.

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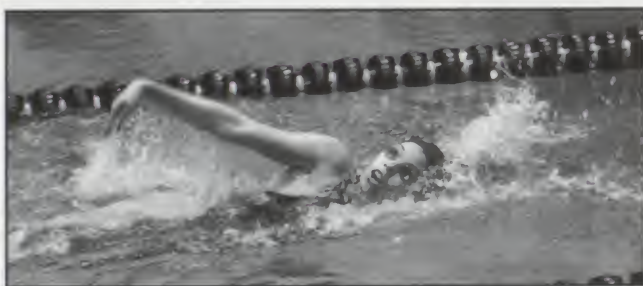


Twist and shout. High above the water, sophomore **Meredith Cooney** dives to victory against Ottumwa. Cooney was one of two girls in the state to perform that difficult dive.

Photo by Wanakee Carr

Flip it. Sophomore **Megan Whetstone** performs a back tuck off the board at a home meet. Whetstone dived for both JV and varsity on the only diving team in Des Moines.

Photo by Wanakee Carr



Stroke it. Powering to a strong victory is sophomore **Caitlin Sims** swimming the 200 individual medley. Sims had been swimming under coach **Steve Teter** for 6 years, two on varsity.

Photo by Wanakee Carr

That's the spot. Team fathers, Bob Samples and Jack Hilmes, massage sophomore **Lucy Grask**. Grask claimed that the oil made her swim faster.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Crispin



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Aaron Cawthorn
1st team All-State,
varsity football captain



Albert Claytor
1st team All-State,
varsity football captain

Varsity football

Team Record: 5-4, 2nd in conference

Enes Elezovic-starting varsity punter, first year player

Aaron Mailey-most valuable defensive player

Mitch Fastenau-most improved player



Free fallin'. Juniors **Lydia Clark** and **Suzanne Cowine** dive into the water at the beginning of their race against the Bulldogs.

Photo by Wanakee Carr

Don't let go. At the conclusion of the last home swim meet of the season, Lady Tankers senior **Sarah Buffington**, junior **Dana Ketcher**, and senior **Kirby Shiffler** lend a hand to swim team manager and boys swim team member junior **David Hanson**. The girls decided to give Hanson a push in appreciation for his hard work as manager.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Tankin' up to win.

The Lady Tankers had a successful season, winning the city and conference championships, placing 4th at districts, and placing 15th in the state out of 55 teams.

Overall the tankers had a total of 11 dual meets and they finished with a 10-1 record. The team's only loss came to Marshalltown. "They were a very good team and I wish we could take that meet back and beat them," coach **Steve Teter** said.

The Tankers had two big upsets against Ottumwa and Ames. Ottumwa was ranked No. 5 in the state in preseason, but the Lady Tankers proved to be the dominant team.

When the Tankers traveled to an Ames meet, 11 or more points favored the Little Cyclones toward the beginning of the meet. Despite this, the Tankers pulled ahead and proved their strength, with a 85-79 victory.

The Lady Tankers had a total of 75 swimmers on the team, the largest in the state. Senior leadership was a vital component to the team's success. Captains were seniors **Robin Samples**, **Liz Yepsen**, **Eleanore Neumann**, and **Kirby Shiffler**.

Practices proved to be long and strenuous. Morning practices went from 6 to 7 a.m., and after school practices began at 3 and ended at 5 virtually every school night. They also practiced on Saturdays from 8 to 10 in the morning.

After the regular season, the Tankers went to the Conference meet at East High School. With only

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Chlorine breath. Conditioning for the upcoming meet, freshman **Carly Kennedy** gets a little pool water in her mouth as she does a couple laps. Kennedy swam the 50 and 100 free and the 200 free relay. As a member of the JV team, one of her main goals was to improve enough through the season to move on to swim for the varsity team next year.

Photo by Wanakee Carr

Varsity volleyball

Team Record: 21-14-2; conference champions

Liz McNulty-team captain, MVP award, 1st team all district

Leigh Zisko-2nd team all district

Jenny Mosher-2nd team all district, 100% award



Katherine Pugh
team captain,
1st team conference

Jenni Burress
spirit award,
varsity player



half of the team swimming, the girls still pulled out a conference championship. After conference, the Lady Tankers traveled to the district meet at Fort Dodge, and placed 4th out of 10 teams. The Lady Tankers qualified 2 relays and 4 individual events for the state meet. Senior **Robin Samples** qualified for the 50 free and the 100 free, while Junior **Lydia Clark** qualified for the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle.

The state meet also was held at Fort Dodge. The girls came prepared after a big success at the district meet. Samples tied for first in the 50 free with a record time of 24.42 seconds. She also placed 4th in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 54.02 seconds. Clark placed 12th in the 200 yard freestyle

with a time of 2:02.03 and she also placed 11th in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:28.76. Clark said, "State was awesome and it was cool when everybody was cheering."

The two relays for the Lady Tankers placed 13th in both the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay. The 200 free relay consisted of Samples, senior **Elizabeth Crispin**, Clark, and sophomore **Jackie Hilmes**.

The 400 free relay had a team of Samples, Crispin, Clark, and sophomore **Caitlin Sims**. "The state meet was very exciting and the best part of the meet was when Robin's dad gave us massages before the meet," Hilmes said.

The massages came with a mixture of wintergreen, baby, and rubbing oil to warm up the girls before the meet.

charliebartlett

Pile em' on. Roosevelt just keeps coming as senior **Jamalle Castillo** and team crush attempt to crush the Indianola Indians. "I was trying to give the offense a chance," Castillo said.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Butterfingers!! Senior **Terrell Rife** struggles to hold the ball as an East defender tackles him from behind. Terrell played full back for the varsity with 167 yards total against the Scarlets.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Latoyas Johnson
put in extra time
helping freshmen,
varsity competition



Kristen Kennedy
varsity competition,
cheered varsity football,
all-around leader

Sophomore cheerleading

Melody Douglas: varsity competition, showed improvement

Ebony Bell: beautiful jumps and first-time flyer

Markisha Holland: first-year flyer and cheerleader

Keisha Palmer: varsity competition, leader

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The blur. Senior **Aaron Cawthorn** kicks butt against the Scarlets while he leaps for yards as a defender comes near. Points scored that night by both teams led to a conference record of most points in a single game.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Can't touch this. Senior **Albert Claytor** "shows 'em how its done" as he swiftly evades the East defender. Claytor crossed up the defense with his fancy footwork.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Roll to victory. Sophomore **Troy Jones** dashes away from a varsity Hoover defender. Sophomores played the majority of the second half with a score of 54-27.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Kick it. From the foot of senior **Aaron Mailey**, the field goal's good while senior **Albert Claytor** steadies the ball. He kicked 7 good PAT's during the season.

Photo by Josh Adcock

kings of the district

With a successful first season, the new football coaching staff proved itself strong. Varsity football finished with a 5-4 record, and became city champions.

"The new coaches were a good thing, they gave us a brand new offense," senior **Aaron Cawthorn** said. "We worked with it and it turned out great. They also brought a positive attitude to Roosevelt football."

The team accepted the new coaching staff with open arms. "They're tight because they know how to successfully coach us without cussing us out all the time," senior **Ben Bell** said.

Out of the eight varsity coaches, five were new to our school. Head Coach **Joe Hornback** said it was difficult to coach a new team and to teach them a new system.

"The school has a strong reputation and it was a good opportunity to work in a football program," Hornback said.

The success didn't come easily. Players started going to practice during the summer for a week, from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. and then returned from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

"Part of the reason we were so successful during the season is because of all the summer practices," Hornback said. "We lifted a lot of weights and had the Ironman Award."

The Ironman Award was for all the players who lifted weights every day during the summer.

Starting quarterback senior **Albert Claytor** said

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Kate Conlow

most improved player



Katie Bartlett

Leading offensive hitter and offensive digs

J.V. volleyball

Team record: highest GPA in the conference

Jamie Nelson-captain and service production leader
Cheree Ramirez-captain and assist leader

Jenni Young-leading blocker

Hillary Courtney-most defensive digs

thanks to the protectors of the offensive lineman for the success of the offense.

A few records were set during the CIML games. During the Hoover game, Cawthorn scored 7 touchdowns to set a new CIML record. Cawthorn finished 4,361 rushing yards and 57 touchdowns as a Roughrider. "Vs. Lincoln I got a concussion, and I couldn't remember anything until I saw **Albert Claytor**," he said.

Cawthorn wasn't the only one who had an embarrassing moment out on the field. "When we played Sioux City East, **Ben Bell** trucked me during a game really hard. I could see him laughing," Claytor said.

The most exciting game for most players was against East, not just because they played a good game but a new high scoring record was set in CIML history, 63-51.

"Against East, I think everybody put their best effort into the game," junior **Enes Elezovic** said.

Elezovic was the latest team member to join due to the fact that he didn't think he had a chance to be the starting kicker. When senior **Wilson Lewis** injured his ACL, Elezovic took advantage.

"My first game was vs. North. I kicked four in the end zone," Elezovic said, but added laughing, "When we played Hoover and I kicked the ball, they scored a touchdown in the end zone."

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Nice and easy.... The varsity team setter senior **Leigh Zisko** awaits the soaring ball. Setters had lots of pressure on their shoulders to set up the perfect ball.

Photo by Maggie Dolan



Return this. About to hit the ball, junior **Cheree Ramirez** winds up. Ramirez was the starting setter for JV and also played a little varsity.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Setting up. Alternating their feet, junior **Jenny Mosher**, seniors **Katherine Pugh** and **Liz McNulty** await the ball. *Photo by Maggie Dolan*

Power! The infamous "power circle." Before the players started to play they would form this, and the crowd would chant. *Photo by Maggie Dolan*



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Hannah Roeder
7th at state,
district champion



Millie Bell
57th at state,
4th place at districts

Varsity girls cross country

Team Record: conference champions, 2nd at districts, 12th at state

Hillary Woodhouse-Rough Rider award, 5th runner award, state qualifier

Fionna Fallon-Most improved runner

Betsy Rosenblatt-11th at districts, state qualifier



Into the ground. During a meet, senior **Katherine Pugh** "roofs" the ball onto the other court. Pugh made first team all conference and was also varsity captain. After the season's end, Pugh went on to participate on a competitive volleyball team that included members from area high schools.

Faster than a speeding bullet. Slamming the ball into the opposite court is senior varsity player **Kate Jess**. Jess received an honorable mention for her performance on the varsity team, aiding the team in winning the conference title.

Photos by Maggie Dolan

players bond with coach

You know it was a good season when the volleyball team won conference and the team's best times were spent at team sleepovers. This was the first year, many players noted, that the girls truly bonded and got along on personal and professional levels. The team sleepovers and team hangouts were a huge part, "...of getting to know everyone better, especially the seniors," junior **Cheree Ramirez** said. Including everyone on the team and making the freshmen feel welcome was an important part of the season. Freshman **Leigh Hotchkiss** said the seniors "...never made fun of me because they were treated bad as freshman."

First-year coach **Maria Mattiace** even joined her team for the sleepovers where they all painted their faces with camouflage and played a fierce game of hide and go seek. "She's like one of the girls, part of the team...she was the first person's face I painted," said Ramirez.

Besides getting along and having a great time, the team also had a fabulous season. Not only did the team win conference but seniors **Liz McNulty** and **Katherine Pugh** were named to the Metro Conference first team, senior **Leigh Zisko** and junior **Jenny Mosher** were named to the second team, and Mattiace was named Coach of the Year. Pugh was especially proud of their conference win. "A lot of people didn't think we could, especially the football players. It felt good to prove them wrong," she said.

The team came back to
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Bump that. Junior **Megan Jones** forces the lively ball back into play. "It's really hard to react soon enough from a hard hit. I just put my hands out and bump it," Jones said.

Photo by Josh Adcock



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Varsity cheerleading

Liza Sharp-varsity competition
Nakita Carter-varsity competition
Cassondra Webb-varsity competition, full liberty-big accomplishment



Rachel Pruiett
varsity competition, leader

Towera Chilongo
Senior leader/role model, varsity competition



win several close games. "Against Lincoln we were down 11 to 4, we came back and beat them," Pugh said. She believed their best game was against Oskaloosa. "We creamed them. That was the best any of us had played," she said. One of Pugh's best memories was "Leigh and Liz running into each other at least once during a game."

To get in the best shape they possibly could, the team ran more to build their endurance. Ramirez believed it was a benefit to them. Though she did say they did need to improve, "...communication on the court and our serves."

elizabethcrispin

injuries can't stop passion

Many fall athletes suffered season-ending injuries.

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Afton Polk, a sophomore, spent her whole summer running. By the time the girl's cross-country season started, Polk learned that she had stress fractures in her legs.

After going to the doctor for X-rays and bone scans, Polk was informed that she should not run for 8 weeks.

Polk decided to switch to swimming. However, Swimming didn't work out for her though because her shoulder went out within the first few days she practiced.

Polk was most disappointed about missing cross country meets. "They all made it to state so I was sad that I didn't get to run, but I was happy for the team," she said.

Most football injuries required tape and only a few days to heal, but senior **Wilson Lewis** had a more serious injury. Lewis, the team's kicker, tore his ACL at varsity football practice during the fifth of the season. He had to have surgery and a

Almost there. Sophomore runner **Millie Bell** races against the clock and her opponents during the state meet. Bell said she prayed before each race and loved the trips to the meets.

Photo by Jasmina Pandur



Two thumbs up. Freshman Hannah Roeder can see the finish at the Ankeny Individual. Roeder went on to place seventh at state and was the top runner on the team.

Photo by Sam Wickard



You go, girl! Sophomore Emily Burnie sprints across the field at Ankeny on September 22. It was Burnie's second year running cross country.

Photo by Roland Harris

Stay strong. Sophomore Sam Beebout leads the pack of runners at the Ankeny Individual. She finished with a time of 19:29.

Photo by Roland Harris

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Dwight Brown
leading tackler



Jonathan Burkett
standout player

Sophomore football

Peter Cade-lead running back

Aaron Baird-quarterback/receiver, leading passer

Troy Jones-running back, rushing leader.



long recovery process including physical therapy. Lewis was disappointed that he couldn't play his senior year.

Before the school started in August, sophomore **Alicia Cavanaugh** had surgery. But it wasn't for an injury; it was to remove a large tumor from her abdomen. After having a tumor the size of a soccer ball weighing nearly 40 pounds removed from her stomach, her swimming greatly improved. She says, "I was very happy that they removed that tumor and was excited when my times dropped dramatically this year."

The competition cheerleading squad had several members experience injuries in the fall. **Wanakee Carr**, a junior, seemed to have a new injury every week. She strained her hamstring and

quads, sprained an ankle, endured countless backaches, had many bruises and busted lips, and sprained her elbow. Carr's sprained elbow was possibly the worst of her injuries. When she was practicing back handsprings one day at practice, she heard a pop as her hands hit the floor. She played it off like nothing was wrong, but when she woke up the next morning, she couldn't bend her arm. She was taken to the doctor and sent to the emergency room, where they gave her a sling to wear for the following week.

"I continue cheerleading because I already made the commitment," she said.

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On your marks... While waiting nervously at the start, seniors **Adrienne Furstenau**, **Tori Furstenau** and sophomore **Rachel Seldon** wait for the sound of the pistol. The Furstenau's were team captains.

Photo by Roland Harris

What a race! Sophomore **Bekah Garrison** crosses the finish line at the Ames Invitational. She placed 60th, with a time of 20:12.

Photo by Roland Harris



Freshmen
cheerleading

No information available.



**Julie
Wilson**

varsity competition,
flyer

**Stephanie
Jackson**

varsity competition
alternate



Accidents bond team

There were many reasons to join the golf team: being part of a team and golfing for free. But senior **Bret Sikkink** said the main reason he joined was because he was "way too big a wussy to play football."

Sikkink actually enjoyed the golf season and was impressed by how well the team got along by the end after a rocky start. He said the team didn't start out united, but as the season progressed, everyone got to know each other better through team dinners and golfing together. The team ended the season by having breakfast together at the Waveland Café before conference and district, and they missed state by only eight strokes. The team placed second in conference and fifth in district.

During an earlier meet junior **Alex Hubbell** walked off the course in frustration even though he wasn't doing too poorly. The group he abandoned joined with another and they golfed in a group of seven. Hubbell was suspended from the next meet.

Sophomore **Brent Baulderson** experienced a similarly frustrating time when he scored a 5 putt during practice. Practice scores were important because they dictate who played varsity.

At the conference meet, senior **David Briedis** had trouble finding his ball on the fifth hole. Briedis drove his ball into an area of trees, and the fallen leaves concealed his ball only a few yards off the fairway. Briedis searched with the help of other competitors and bystanders until he found it after about 15 minutes.

Rock rock a hula. Sophomore **Paul Soener** tees off at a home meet at Waveland golf course. At all big meets, Soener wore his lucky lime green boxer shorts with hula girls that he got on sale for \$2 at Gap two years previously.

Photo by Paul Asjes



Juuust breathe. While at J.V. swim practice, freshman **Leah Pope** swims in a playful practice relay race. Pope says the best part of the season was getting to know her "big fishes." Pope's big fish was senior JV lady tanker **Eleanor Neumann**.

Photo by Wanakee Carr



Tap it in. Before a meet, junior golfer **Danny Flattery** gets putting advice from junior **Mac Fisher**. Fisher was teaching Flattery the most aerodynamically efficient angle to hit the ball from with his putter.

Photo by Wanakee Carr

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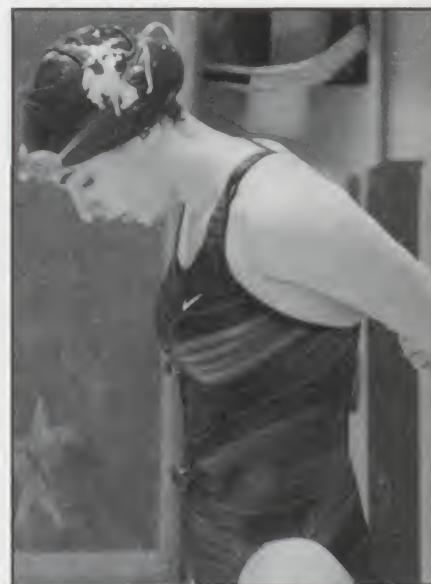


Back it up. Junior **Solanje Franklin** gets in a few more laps before the end of practice. Franklin swam the hundred free for JV, but honed her backstroking skills if her abilities were ever needed.

Photo by Wanakee Carr

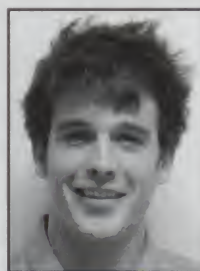
Rubbing one out. While warming up for practice, Coach Erin Erwin massages junior **Sarah Hunter**'s shoulders. "I had issues with tight muscles during the season, Erin did a good job of helping all of us loosen up," Hunter said.

Photo by Wanakee Carr



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Austin Williamson
placed 4th at state,
top varsity runner



Jimmy Schwartz
placed 23rd at state,
varsity team captain

Boys varsity cross country

Accomplishments: Roy Griak Invitational, Decorah Inv., State champions, 10th in nation
Kiel Uhl-6th at state
Jon Thomas-7th at state
Joseph Yassin- 34th at state
Yawusa Kinda-13th at state



Tap it in. Long time golfer senior **Bret Sikkink** swings and putts the ball toward the hole at the Waveland course. Consistency with his shots was the hardest thing about golf in Sikkink's mind.

Photo by Paul Asjes



"Even tough competitors help each other out: Golf is a gentleman's sport," he said.

Briedis made par on that hole after punching it out of the trees and went on to medal in that meet with a score of 77.

paulasjes

Freshmen get a shocker.

Each year, students came from middle to high school prepared to play a sport for fun and may not have realized what was involved.

Longer, more intense workouts and difficult play book was what surprised most of the freshman football player, coach Kerry Ketcham said. The freshman team lost ten players; about half quit and half had significant injuries.

"(They) don't seem to expect that they have to be at practice every day," he said.

Playing time also varied according to skill level and performance at practice. Freshman Jordan Rabon said getting into the game more often was what he enjoyed the most about high school football. He didn't care for his eighth-grade experience because everyone had to get in, which cut playing time.

Tacking, which was added at the high school level, was the most difficult component to adjust to.

wanakeecarr

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Breathe it in, breath it out. Oxygen is at the forefront of freshman **Rose Mayo's** mind. Mayo finished up her leg of a medley relay in which she swam the 50 breast stroke.

Photo by Josh Anderson

J.V. girls cross country

Team accomplishments:

first conference champs, third place at Ames Invitational

Millie Bell-Placed second at Hoover Invitational

Becca Stubbs-placed 11th at Ames JV Invitational



Sam Bebeout
placed 22nd at Conference

Emily Burney
placed 15th at Ames Invitational



coaches give inspiration

Was it really inspiration or just mumbo jumbo, when girls cross country coach **Bill Kaemmer** began to reminisce about the past? While Coach Kaemmer didn't spend much time giving inspirational speeches, he did make remarks the day before a meet. "I always talk about tradition, what the team did the year before. Reflect on last year's team." The team captains usually shared a few thoughts right before races. They strove to break the ending mark of the year before and that they did. The team became only the second in the 80- year history to make it to state. Coach Kaemmer gave full credit to the team. "I didn't have to inspire them. They had their own inspiration."

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On the contrary, freshmen football coach **Kerry Ketcham** didn't believe in sharing inspiring stories. "It's more technical, go out and get the job done. It's more about expertise than inspiration." There was no time to daydream about being a star athlete. Coach Ketcham focused on strategies and techniques to perfect the team's skills.

Across the field, Coach **Joe Hornback** was a strong supporter of encouraging the players. Most recalled that he tended to be long winded. While Coach Hornback didn't share many stories, phrases and quotes were key elements in his inspirational speeches. His primary source was "*The Edge*," a book filled with quotes for every emotion. There was a new team quote on each day. It provided focal point for the day in addition to being a good motivator. "After we played Sioux City East, the

Where is everybody? Watch sophomore **Peter Cade** as he runs for the end zone. "I was just running as hard as I could, and trucking the next guy." Cade kept on running and later made a touchdown.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Get off me. While running through the defense, sophomore **Ryan Lomen** is forced down by the defense of the opposing team. "I had them burnt. I got the perfect pass," Lomen claimed.

Photo by Josh Adcock



I got to keep on movin'. Sophomore **Peter Cade** keeps his fingers as tightly wrapped around the ball as he can, trying to score.

Photo by Wanakee Carr

Its Good!!. Sophomore Patrick Zisko "just kicked it and hoped it went in..." as the helpless defense reaches for the sky.

Photo by Josh Adcock

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Carly Kennedy
100 free



Jordan Croft
500 free

J.V. girls swimming

Team record: 11-0
Anne Lingwall-50 free
Jodie Birkey-200 Individual Medley
Dana Ketcher-Butterfly, 50 freestyle
Liz Yepsen-captain, 100 Backstroke



How many does it take to tackle a Roughrider? During the freshman team's last game against Ottumwa, freshman **Issac Quijano** rushes past the entire Ottumwa defense in hopes of making a touchdown.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Get out the way! Freshmen **Raytron Lamar** holds the football with every one of his 10 fingers. Lamar broke through East's defense. "When I'm in the game I get used to it," he said, talking about the inevitable injuries that rushing caused.

Photo by Josh Adcock



team looked at the phrase 'the hammer and the nail.' In that game they turned out to be the nail, when playing Des Moines East, we were the hammer." Coach Hornback also made a strong point which played off of Coach Ketcham's theory. "Inspiration is good but if you prepare on a daily basis and are prepared for the game it's probably better than a story."

courtney petty

superstitions bring luck

Senior **Robbie Larew** wore the same T-shirt under his pads every game for four years. The shirt became yellow with sweat and age, even though Larew insisted that it was washed after every game. Although Larew forgot to wear the shirt to one game his sophomore year, he still viewed wearing the shirt to 35 of 36 games a great accomplishment.

Superstitions and athletics went hand in hand since the beginning of athletics. Whether it was lucky clothing, or a special routine before games, athletes found comfort in superstitions. Sophomore softball player **Alyssa Sheets** believed it was good luck to kiss the softball before she handed it to the pitcher in the huddle. "One time I didn't kiss the ball before I gave it to the pitcher **Erin Woolwine**, and she hit the next batter. I've done it ever since then," she said.

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Slow and steady. Sophomore **Matt Adcock** plans his next move. Adcock was quarterback for the sophomore team.

Photo by Josh Adcock



J.V. boys cross-country

Team Accomplishments: conference champions, Hoover Inv.

David Morrin Von-Ebers- team captain, medalist at **Joseph Meja-** 4th at Hoover Invitational

Thom Waters- 3rd at varsity Hoover Inv., state qualifier



Barnes Kelley

First year runner
4th at JV metro conference

David Deng

1st at Ames Invitational
5th at varsity metro conference



Sophomore cross-country runner **Jon Thomas** might not have made it to the state cross-country meet without his superstition. If the team had a meet on a Saturday, Thomas would not shower Friday night or Saturday morning before the meet. He wanted the grease on his skin to clog his pores so that the sun could not suck out his energy.

Superstitions were evident on the sidelines at football games. Sophomore Keshia Palmer said, "Before the varsity games, **Rachel Ratashak** and **Jontell Harris** would play fight and then fall on the ground, then the whole squad would lay on their backs and sing 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' while **Wanakee Carr** danced around."

Senior varsity volleyball player **Liz McNulty** ate grilled cheese sandwiches before every game, and also had a superstition about her hair. "When I wore my hair in two pigtail braids I played really badly, but when I wore my hair in an ugly style, I played really well."

Whether it was a lucky piece of underwear like sophomore cross-country runner Betsy Rosenblatt, or a lucky sports bra like volleyball player **Leigh Zisko's**, superstitions helped athletes play well and win games.

jasminapandur

riders in the atmosphere.

After taking a break from competitive cheerleading during the 2001 season, the cheerleading squad was ready to work hard and win big. Tryouts were held in April 2002 for the competitive cheer group, and the newly formed squad was

Fly away home. While flying at a competition, junior Casandra Webb cheers at the top of the stunt. Hitting a full liberty was one of Webb's major improvements.

Photo courtesy of Julie Wilson



Clap your hands. During a varsity football game, Juniors **Jontell Harris** and **Natalie Lawrence** had on three layers of clothes: "I couldn't even move my cheeks to smile," Harris said.

Photo by Courtney Petty



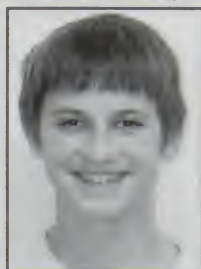
Flyin' like an eagle. First time flyer, freshman **Danielle Argumedo** cheers in a prep stunt during a freshmen football game. Argumedo was also one of the few freshmen on the competition squad.

Photo courtesy of Julie Wilson



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James Nicholson
9th grade player of the year award recipient



Bryce Wilson
played both offensive and defensive line



Freshmen football

Team Record: 2-7

Raytron Lamar-last game and first time as tailback and gained more than 100 yards
Shane Shade-played both offensive and defensive line
Ethan Garrigan-played both offensive and defensive line



Fight fight. Marching in the Beavertdale parade on a fall Saturday morning, freshman **Julie Wilson** chants the fight song. Wilson said she was so tired from walking about 2 miles that she went home and fell asleep.

Photo courtesy of Julie Wilson

If you're happy and you know it... During a home football game, sophomore varsity cheerleader **Kristin Kennedy** gets her clap on while also getting the crowd pumped up and rowdy for a Friday night victory. Kennedy also cheered for the varsity competition squad.

Photo by Wanakee Carr

ready to go by the beginning of school. Many members of the competition squad found extra practices in addition to those for sports like basketball, football, and wrestling.

The girls had two competitions and they performed well at both of them. The first one was at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids and the second one was in Stanwood. At these competitions they were judged on tumbling, jumps, accuracy, difficulty, and expression.

Before competitions, the girls practiced up to 10 hours a week. At those practices, cheerleaders worked on their jumps, stunts, timing, and accuracy. One of the biggest constraints was the need for high ceilings to perform complicated stunts and jumps. The perfect place to practice these moves? The auditorium.

Sophomore **Kristen Kennedy** said, "With all the practices that we've had we have gotten to know each other's quirks and why they are the way they are." Kennedy, who also cheered for football and basketball, said that the closeness of the regular cheering squads was nowhere near the unity of the competition squad.

Practicing for competition and other squads and then cheering on weekends was tough. Time was a big problem for the squad. "It's tough being excited to cheer six days a week, so these girls have done a great job keeping their enthusiasm up," head coach **Felicity Croat** said.

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The air up there. First and second year sophomore cheerleaders **Markiesha Holland** and **Ebone Bell** yell out R-double O. Holland's favorite cheer was funky chicken.

Photo courtesy of Carmen Argumedo

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y. Leading the junior section of the crowd, juniors **Jessica Wright** and **Rachel Pruiett** chants victory at the last fall pep assembly. Wright performed the beginning of the competition routine at the assembly.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Freshmen volleyball

Team Record: Won half of games; 9th grade East Invitational and Silver Bracket at Lincoln Invitational champs.

Theresa Larew-coaches Award

Marina Vasiljevic-spirit award

Addie Knight-most improved player



Danielle St. Pierre

100% hustle award
team captain

Anna Jones
team captain,
most valuable player



Athletes make state

Senior wrestler **Chris Abbott** found strength to make it to state through family. Abbott was the last of four brothers to wrestle for Roosevelt and wanted to make it to state because it was something the previous brothers had not accomplished. He also wanted to go before it was too late. "(My motivation) was trying to be the first of four to make it to state," Abbott said.

Going to state was a reward that many student athletes didn't have the chance to experience during their high school career. But this year quite a few lucky seniors made it just in time, before moving on to college athletics. They included:

Peter Wolf, Dan McCarthy, Matt Buchanan, John Hilmes, Ben Carney, Brandon Haugh, Ben Bell, Jason Madison, Aaron Mailey, and Chris Abbott.

State championships were a stressful and exciting part of playing any high school sport. Many state qualifiers did not really feel that they had a lot of pressure, but they knew that they had a lot of support. "I only felt the pressure on the last day, but I was comfortable with it because the team was with me even though they were not wrestling," senior **Ben Bell** said.

Many state qualifiers found their motivation in loved ones, role models and teammates like senior **Dan McCarthy**. "My motivation was from my parents, family, and friends," McCarthy said.

Others, like Bell, found motivation through camps or watching college or

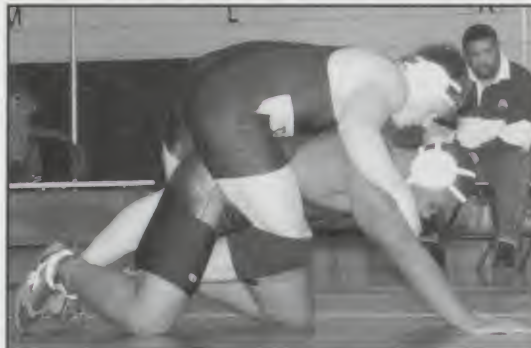
Take down, take two. Junior **Matt Waller** is determined to get a take down against North high school. Waller had 10 pins by the end of the season and helped the team become conference champions.

Photo by Wanakee Carr



Domination. Senior **Chris Abbott** had 20 pins for the season. "We didn't wrestle to our ability during the season, but winning the conference championship proved that we're a wrestling power house," Abbott said.

Photo by Wanakee Carr



Blood runs red. Junior **Adam Grady** suffers from his second bloody nose in one match, but went on to beat the North High student. It was a close match, but he prevailed 14-120.

Photo by Wanakee Carr



Akuien Wour
varsity player



Aaron Hawthorne
varsity captain

varsity boys basketball

Team record: 13-8 season

Conference record: 8-2

PJ Castelline- 27

3-point shots

Chad Shannon- 54 defensive rebounds

Brandon McKenzie- 50

2-point shots

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T-A-K-E, take him down. Senior Jason Madison takes down a North High student. The meet ended 40-12, with Madison dominating.
Photo by Wanakee Carr

The dominator. Senior Ben Bell is ready to win districts. "The season was a big surprise! We knew we could do good, but we didn't think we would be great," Bell said.
Photo by Keshia Palmer



professional championships on TV.

The expectations of making it to the biggest competition of the year and actually entering the establishments were two different things. All of the qualifiers were ecstatic to make it that far in their sport, though. "I thought it was a great experience. I was so glad to be there that I did not care about my performance," McCarthy said.

Going to the state wrestling meet as a senior was bittersweet for Bell. "It feels good because I finally made it, but bad because I wish I would have gone earlier to have experienced the emotional roller coaster."

Keshia Palmer

Wrestlers steal conference

The wrestling season was one of the most exciting in history, because our team won the conference meet for the first time since 1963. The conference meet was held at Ottumwa middle school on February 17, after the biggest snow storm of the year. The meet consisted of seven teams: the East Scarlets, North Polar Bears, Hoover Huskies, Lincoln Rail-splitters, and the Ottumwa Bulldogs, all of whom lost to the Riders.

The team's spirit and will to win came forth through lots of talks and big banners. "Winning the conference meet was something that we had talked about since the first day of morning practices, and we said we wanted to be the first ones to get the wrestling banner

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No laughing matter. Senior Steve Clark gets set as freshman Anthony Livingston covers. The boys were wrestling each other because of the bracket arrangement at the conference meet in Ottumwa.
Photo by Keshia Palmer

varsity girls basketball

Team record: 8-12 overall, 4-6 conference

Margo Tomka- 10th in conference assists

Tanyana West- 51.7 percent 2-point field goals

Paige Duncan- 50 percent overall field goal and 75 percent free throw

Jenny Mosher- team captain; averaged 5.2 rebounds/game



Becky Reuter
7.6 points per game, team captain

Leigh Hotchkiss
13 three-pointers



put up in the large gym," coach **Jay Groth** said.

Both the banner and conference win helped build the team morale for next year. "It was really good to accomplish (winning the conference meet), and it helped build confidence as a team more than individually," said senior **Aaron Mailey**. Senior **Ben Bell** was also excited to be part of history, and he believed that it would show off the teams' hard work.

One component that helped the team build determination to win was the crowd. The crowd mainly consisted of Ottumwa fans, but that just made the wrestlers more hungry for a win.

Team members also knew they had to win at least seven of the weight classes and

Groth was glad that the seven got out there and won their class. Winning the meet was an exciting point in many of the wrestlers' careers, and it also helped build confidence for the state meet.

"It made me want to win more and it gave me more confidence to know I could go and do my best," senior **Chris Abbott** said.

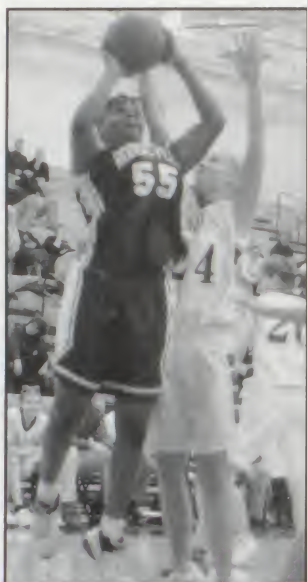
The conference meet had the most individual champs of the entire season. The individual champions were seniors **Brandon Haugh** 119lbs., **Ben Bell** 152 lbs., **Aaron Mailey** 171 lbs., **Jason Madison** 215 lbs., and **Chris Abbott** 275 lbs, with **Haugh** scoring the most points with two pins.

After dedicating a season to proving their worth, the wrestling team accomplished their goal and won a ticket to the state meet with the first conference win in almost half a century.

Keshia Palmer

Shot. Junior **Tanyana West** prepares to score 2 points against Johnston. West said that the difference between playing ball here than in her hometown Chicago was that the game was more aggressive in Chi-town.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Dribble, spin, shoot. Freshman **Leigh Hotckiss** shoots a free throw at the home game against Hoover. "I don't know what went wrong" she said about the team's performance that night.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Can't touch this. Second year player sophomore **Paige Duncan** guards the ball for her life during a home game against the East Scarlets. Duncan said the teams have improved and have a lot of incoming potential.

Photo by Josh Adcock



How High. Senior **Becky Rueter** and sophomore **Margo Tomka**, third- and second-year varsity players, rebound against Hoover. Rueter liked the energy from the crowd that Friday night.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Ben Bell
5th in State



Chris Abbott
state qualifier

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varsity wrestling

Team record: 14-13-1 in dual season

Tournament record- conference champions, 1st in duals and 2nd at the Praire City Monroe Invitational
Matt Waller- conference champion with 32 wins
Steve Batcher- most dedicated



seniors aim high

The big moment had arrived, the pressure was on, you had two days to choose a college, and it was a complete toss up between two colleges. Sound like stress? Well, that was exactly what senior **Meredith Esbeck** had to deal with when she had to make one of the biggest decisions in her life. She had to pick the place where she would be spending the next four years of her life. "It was down to the last two days and I still needed to make a choice and I was torn between the University of Northern Iowa and University of Iowa," Esbeck said.

She, along with others like **Robin Samples**, **Brandon Haugh**, **Ben Bell**, **Chris Abbott**, **Jason Madison**, **Kera Reilly**, **Anna Clough**, **Albert Claytor**, **Aaron Mailey**, **Meggie Malm**, **Liz McNulty**, **Aaron Cawthorn** and **Robbie Larew** had the opportunity to sign a letter of intent to which college they planned on playing their sport of choice at.

Some of the things that the students looked for when they made their final decision were: team record, atmosphere, coaches' attitude, and team spirit. Some of the students also looked for the opportunity to play at a Division I college. "I choose to go to William Penn because they have the best wrestling program and in the region at their division and they have the course I want to take," senior **Ben Bell** said.

The most stressful thing that most of the students had to deal with was the time limit and the fact that they had to tell at least one college no. Senior **Aaron Mailey** said it was hard to tell Lutheran College no because he thought that both colleges were a good choice but in the end it came down to money and who was offering

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varsity boys swimming

Team record: overall 7-4, second in conference, third in districts

John Hilmes- most improved swimmer and state qualifier

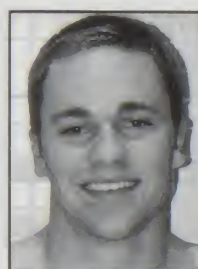
T.D. Smith- Judy Hoffman Memorial Award (academic achievement)

Dan McCarthy-Academic All-State Swim Team



Peter Wolf
Team captain,
most valuable
swimmer,
state qualifier

Andy Lueck
Team captain
Hickerson
Award, state
qualifier



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he best scholarships. "It was stressful because I liked both colleges, teams, and coaches but I had to make a decision and it was mostly because of money. Lutheran wasn't offering me a scholarship and that was my determining factor," Mailey said.

Most of the students had at least three colleges looking at them, and thought that it was an exciting thing to have happen to them. They made it a goal to get recruited and to have your goal fulfilled is always exciting for everyone.

Robin Samples signed to University of Iowa, Brandon Haugh signed to Southwest State University, Ben Bell signed to William Penn, Meredith Esbeck signed to University of Northern Iowa, Chris Abbott signed to Southwest State University, Jason Madison signed to William Penn, Kera Reilly signed to Truman State University, Anna Clough signed to Franklin and Marshall

College, Albert Claytor signed to Ellsworth Community College, Meggie Malm signed to University of Missouri, Liz signed to Drake University, Aaron Cawthorn signed to Concordia University, Robbie Larew signed to Drake University and Aaron Mailey signed to Southwest State University.

Their dedication to sports at TRHS enabled them to pick the school they wanted to represent as the next chapter of their lives begins. That dedication helped continue the tradition of excellence for younger classes.

Keshia Palmer



Goggle time. Junior **Alex Bardole** and Freshmen **Clayton Craiger** and **Ramsey Karey** get ready to start their race at a meet at Roosevelt.
Photo by Julia Wilson

Back it up. Junior **Clifford Mayo** swims the 100 back stroke. He also swam the 50 backstroke in the medley relay.
Photo by Josh Adcock



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Quinetta Claytor
most points scored



Paige Duncan
most rebounds

sophomore girls basketball

Team record: 16-4 overall, undefeated at home
Fun Facts- 9 halves where opponents scored 10 points or less

Jasmin McNear- most rebounds, played varsity
Hannah Roeder- freshman played on all three teams

Cheerleaders try out

At the home double dual, sophomore **Demetria Witt** never saw the two wrestlers rolling directly toward her, then whomp! She was dinged in the face by an unseen foot. She had to wear an icepack on her right eye the rest of the week.

Like Led Zeppelin said- "good times, bad times, we all get our share." But this year the cheerleaders hit the bad times bad. Getting nailed in the face, cold weather and budget cuts.

Eliyse Claiborne a sophomore, said that she thought that one or two girls would be cut. "I am really anxious because they're cutting down the cheer squad and some girls won't have their time to be a cheerleader."

The tryouts were held earlier this year, but because of proposed budget cuts the announcement of the roster was delayed for one week. Coach **Felicity Croat** said that it would hurt the program. "It's the first thing cut and it's the cheapest thing to run."

Girls had different ways of preparing for tryouts. Some went on a "special diet" consisting of fruit juices, less meat, and pop like sophomore **Carlata Woods**. While others just simply practiced their jumps.

Melody Douglas, also a sophomore, said she prepared for tryouts by lifting weights and practicing jumps for to weeks straight.

"Because they were looking at me and every detail," Douglas said.

Senior **Jessica Lewis** said she practiced jumps, yoga and kickboxing before

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Pump, pump it up. While at the home districts meet, senior **Andy Leuk** races the 100 breaststroke. Lueck we nt on to win his heat.

Photo by Wanakee Carr

What side? West side.

Coming out of the locker room at districts, senior **Peter Wolf** leads the team in a chant before the district meet. The team placed third at the home district meet, qualifying for state.

Photo by Wanakee Carr



He's on your heels. At the conference meet, freshman **Glen Clark** yells words of wisdom to a fellow teammate. Clark swam the varsity 500 freestyle.

Photo by Suzie Cownie

Fly away home. Fourth year varsity swimmer, senior **T.D. Smith** swims to his fastest butterfly time at districts. Smith recieved the Kickerson Acedemic Award this year for excellence both in and out of the pool.

Photo by Wanakee Carr

sophomore boys basketball

Team record: 11-9 all-season record

Tournament record- 2nd at metro conference, 7th at districts

Matt Shepard- most improved player

Edward Shannon-leading scorer



Sam Aden
leading scorer

Dion Curry
leading scorer



she tried out. "I've been doing improvisation all my life, so it was easy. People made it out to be more difficult than it really was," Lewis said.

During tryouts sophomore **Ebone' Bell** had a torn ligament, which put her on some restrictions. Bell was extremely worried that not being able to do jumps would keep her from making the squad. Bell was scored from jumps that she had done the previous year. She was afraid that her jumps were bad and that she would lose points and not make the squad.

Another tryout happening was many of the cheerleaders-freshmen through seniors, were messing up through the whole cheer. Junior **Wanakee Carr** remembers not doing the entire first half

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of the "top gun" cheer. She finally realized when the rest of her group began the second half. When she realized, she immediately started in the cheer.

Tryouts were a stress to many of the cheerleaders, especially the incoming freshmen, and the delayed results did not help any of the stress at all.

Cheerleading taught skills needed for future life. "You learn to present yourself modestly in front of people," freshman **Elyse Claiborne** said.

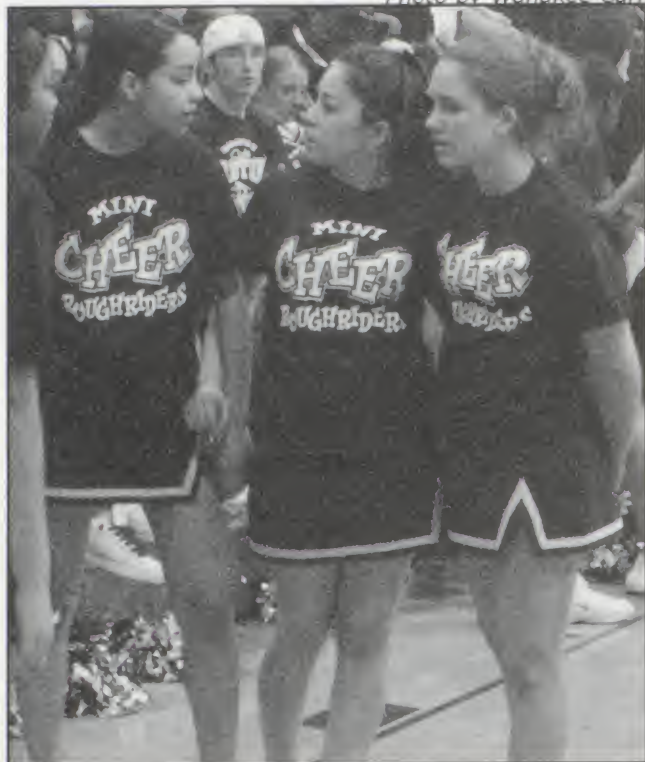
Though cheering may not have been considered an extreme sport, it did teach many skills and virtues like football or basketball. Girls learned how to be peppy even when our team was not doing well.

"You learn how to put on a plastic smile for people when you're not really happy," sophomore **Melody Douglas** said.

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Shake it fast. During a home wrestling meet, juniors **Rachel Ratashak** and **Dana Ketcher** get up against the wall and work it. The girls could often be seen trying out new moves for the dance floor and wrestling mat.

Photo by Wanakee Carr



Huddle. After helping out with a clinic, sophomore basketball cheerleaders **Kristen Kennedy**, **Tanisha Jones**, and **Carmen Argumedo** discussed some cheers during the game.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Good one. Wrestling cheerleaders share a laugh in between matches at a home meet. *Photo by Keshia Palmer*



Austin Mitchell
Mr. Hustle



Robbie Salisbury
Outstanding

freshmen boys basketball

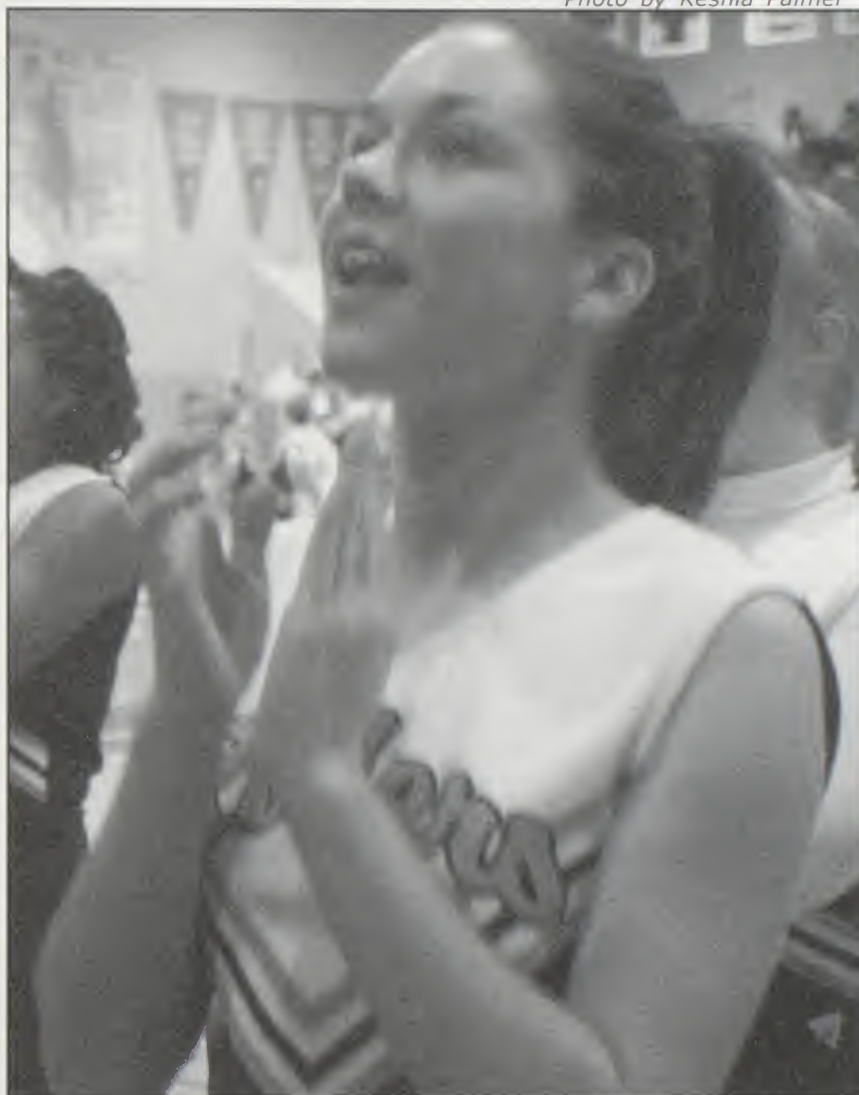
Team record:
Conor Malone- most improved
David Bartine- captain

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Attention please. Sophomores **Carmen Argumedo** and **Markisha Holland** are ready to show some grade school cheerleaders how to "spirit on." This was one of many cheer movements.
Photo by Josh Adcock

A little bit louder... Senior McKenzie Swanson-Freeman pumps up the home crowd during a varsity basketball game. Swanson-Freeman was known for her unforgettable attitude and leadership.
Photo by Keshia Palmer



Learning to be a biggun'

When it came to sports, we all knew the more you practice the better you became. So why wouldn't you start training as young as you could?

According to athletic director **Dennis Johnson**, clinics for younger students help them get interested in high school sports. "Younger students develop an interest in physical activity," Johnson said.

Most of high school coaches here taught grade school students because it helped them find an interest in certain sports without being forced into them. "When you swim with friends at a young age, you create a bond that helps in competition," Teter said.

Also, when growing in an active environment you develop several important characteristics you can apply to your life.

Teter said, about swimmers **Peter Wolf**, **Ben Karney**, **Dan McCarthy**, and **Frank Cownie**, that "All four are more considerate, and thoughtful than before."

He also said that all his upper class swimmers have learned what teamwork really means and how to work towards a common goal. They've also learned the importance of the amount of time and work they put into anything they want to succeed at.

Cownie, varsity swimmer, remembered starting to swim competitively in 6th grade. He and Wolf had started swimming together at a young age and formed a bond of friendship they applied to competitive swimming. Cownie went to

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freshmen girls basketball

Freshman team record: 14-5
Conference record: 10-0
Biggest point margin victory: 60-10 win against Hoover



Andera Fitzgerald
freshman player

Liz Cooney
freshman player



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several camps at a young age including his first at the Wakonda Country Club.

The most important thing he learned while swimming over the years was to never give up and stick with it. He said it's important to set examples for underclassmen and help them be good at what they like. He also noted that sports are "a life skill, you can do it at any age."

Senior **Aaron Mailey** has been wrestling since his fourth grade year. He said at first that he wasn't very good at it. He encouraged friends seniors **Ben Bell**, **Jamalle Castillo**, and junior **Markeese Williams** to join him in middle school. Mailey plans on continuing his wrestling career in college. He never thought that he would take wrestling so far.

All the athletes and coaches agreed that starting a sport early is good experience that builds character and gives life skills in whatever may lay ahead.

Austin Smith

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Athletes prepare to perform

Many athletes had a special routine to strengthen and power up their mind and body before their upcoming game. Some people listened to music, ate special foods or took a snooze to prepare for the game.

Some people prepare not only the day of but the day before with eating habits like varsity basketball player, junior **Jenny Mosher**. Mosher eats pasta the night before and fruit during the day for energy. She doesn't drink any pop and makes sure she drinks water.

Sophomore basketball player, **Paige Duncan**

Look up. "Scoring all season long" is junior **PJ Castelline**. Castelline racked up the points against North, sending a message to all NHS fans that "this is our house". PJ was a leading three point scorer.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Can't touch this!!!!. Junior **Robert Scott** flies through the defense for an easy two points. "Play hard and fight for the team," he said.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Fly little AI Jr.!!! Senior **Albert Claytor** does "that razzle dazzle move" as he takes to the sky for a easy layup. He was the team's leading scorer.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Jason Reynolds
outstanding
jv wrestler



Joey Davison
outstanding
jv swimmer

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JV wrestling and swimming

J.V. wrestling team record: 3-5 in dual season

J.V. swimming team

Record- undefeated, 7-0

Josh Murray- strong, explosive, and a hard worker

Steve Cullen- freshmen/sophomore leadership award





Strutting your stuff. Junior **Chris Wiemann** scores against Ames. "It's all about style," he said. Wiemann's favorite move was FIND OUT.

Photo by Josh Adcock

Raise up. Freshmen **Ethan Garrigan** raises to the hoop, towering over the Railsplitters. "I was bigger than everybody else, so I took the shot," he said.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Dunk master at work. Senior **Akuien Wour** raises to new heights on Newton. "Who ever is in my way is going to get dunked on," he said.

Dazed and confused. Sophomore **Matt Shepard** shoots it up. "I had a good game, so I took the shot."

Photos by Josh Adcock

winter cheerleading

Keshia Palmer- team leader
Jessica Wright-team motivator
Danielle Argumedo- hard worker



Lisa Weber
varsity cheerleader

Erica Wolcott
freshmen cheerleader



claimed that she had to eat at least 2 hours before she played. "No earlier or later or I'll be upset," Duncan said.

Senior wrestler, **Matt Miller** weighed in at 160 lbs. throughout the past season. In order to wrestle in that weight class he had to loose 15lbs in one week. He averaged about 3-4lbs. a day.

Miller said that the most weight that he had ever cut in one day was 5-6lbs. by running on a treadmill in full sweats.

Many teams prepare for the team together. The day of the meet, the wrestling team jumped rope during lunch to keep their weight down. They listen to hard rock music like System of a Down.

Two hours before the meet, they would all go to subway and eat 12" subs or pasta. Then, if a home meet, the team would unroll the mats in the gym. Finally, right before the meet started, no one would talk and they would get very serious.

The Varsity basketball team warmed-up together after school before each game. They would shoot around for 45min. working on their different kinds of shots that they might have to take in a game. They also went over plays for the game. Later, they would meet back up at the school and watch the preceeding game together.

Some athletes' superstitions guide their pre-game activites. Freshman **Tony Chance** said that if you listen to music that you'll perform better during your meet or game. Freshman **Cory Poff** said that if you made coach **Steve Teter** mad, that you would not swim well.

Wanakee Carr

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Athletes prepare to perform

Participating in two sports at the same time often proved to be a difficult task. It involves many challenges but one of the most challenging was managing the time spent with each one: "Making the decision of what to go to when is probably the hardest thing," sophomore **Alex Edge** said. Edge practiced for both baseball and tennis during the spring. On a normal day, he attended baseball practice from 3:00-5:00 and then tennis from 5:30 to 6:30. He said that this and his homework put together left little time for friends.

Students who participated in multiple sports had to prove their

dedication, even though at times it seemed like too much.

"Whenever I complain about having too much going on, my parents just tell me that it was my choice to do both (sports) and I can quit either one whenever I want

to. But they are very supportive of me. They go to all of my tennis meets and they also went to the Sharks pageant," sophomore **Carolyn Bartlett** said.

Some people may wonder why you would want to give up the time you normally spent hanging out with friends to put yourself through so much extra practicing. "I love playing sports and getting to meet people I never get to talk to during school. It makes life interesting!" Freshman **Theresa Larew** said. Sophomore **Katie Bartlett** ended up dedicating around three each day to playing softball and throwing shot-put and discus in track. Besides meeting new people, Bartlett said, "it's a lot of fun,

Gotta be quick. Raising to new heights. Sophomore **Jeffrey Loeb** plays a quick game of short court. "I was playing an intense game of short court with **Neil Anderson**." Photo by **Josh Adcock**



Dazed and confused. Junior **Dash Kelly** tries to figure out where the ball is headed as he warms up for practice. Kelly also practices tennis at Wakonda Club. Photos by **Jessica Lewis**



spring sports

fast facts

Aaron Cawthorn
varsity captain



Kiel Uhl
state champ
3200M

Boys varsity track

Conference Champions, Third in state
Austin Williamson-outstanding long distance runner

Robbie Larew- varsity captain

Yawusa Kinda-state champ 400m

Back That Ball Up. Senior **Joe Katelman** sprints after a fast flying ball. Although Katelman was not very tall he was good at rushing the net.

Photo by Jessica Lewis



Strut your stuff. senior **Charlie Bartlett** casually walks over to perform a forehand during doubles practice. Bartlett was a multi-tasker when it came to high school athletics, participating in football, swimming and tennis his senior year.

Photo by Josh Adcock

and a good release from the pressure that builds up during the day."

When both of your sport events were scheduled at the same time inevitably caused conflicts which was why most coaches didn't take on athletes who participated in more than one sport at once. The only coach who tried this during the spring season was girl's track coach **Bill Kaemmer**. Even though the team started out with several track runners also playing soccer, the only one who finished out the season playing both was freshman **Hannah Roeder**. "Though it is not ideal, I can generally train alone for track and also go to soccer practice," Roeder said.

Another track team member who played two sports was freshman **Andrea Fitzgerald**, who also played softball. She generally spent about four hours each day on both sports but said that both sports often have practices, games or meets planned at the same time. "I choose the one that I'm most committed too, or the one that my coach often says I have to go to," Fitzgerald said.

The skills learned playing sports throughout high school could often be used later on in life. "Playing on teams takes a lot of hard work and dedication, especially when it's two teams at once," Fitzgerald said. Sophomore **Matt Shepard** said, "My soccer coach's main goal is making us better on the field and off." He said that both his coaches and team members from soccer and baseball helped him become a better team player and taught him to stick with whatever he was dedicated to.

Hanna Albaugh

spring sports

Girls golf

Conference and District Champions

Team record- 7-0 in dual meets

Amy Graziano-Davis- captain and state qualifier

Liz Cooney- freshman varsity player

Bianca Lucht- most improved



Claire Wood
comic relief

Greta Sullivan
varsity player



Teachers stay in top form

Some teachers were competitive in their favorite sport. Finding time to practice, work and hang out with friends and family was often frustrating. Their motivation to continue practicing their sport came from years of dedication, so quitting was not an option.

World history teacher and girls track and cross country coach **Bill Kaemmer** stayed active by running. He began running for school in sixth grade and has stayed active in the sport for over 30 years. "I started running because it was cheap and I didn't have a car. I also had no friends, so joining a team was a great way to meet new people."

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Kaemmer also enjoyed running because of the opportunity to travel. He ran in 22 marathons and traveled to Japan, France and Finland to run. He usually finished in the top 10% of competitors.

Kaemmer had trouble finding time to run because of teaching and coaching, but usually ran a total of 50 miles a week.

Science teacher and wrestling coach **Jay Groth** found his passion in golf. "I enjoy golfing because it is fun, I love to compete, and I love winning tournament money," he said. Groth was nine years old when his dad taught him to play golf. He quit the golf team in high school but still participated in tournaments. Not only spending three to four days a week practicing, the money spent on golf equipment took a lot of Groth's extra cash. He spent about \$2,000 on clubs alone. Groth said, "Golfing is a life-long sport that anyone could play. It is

Running just as fast as they can. The long distance runners of the girls track team get their daily workout while practicing on the home track.

Photo by **Brian Wennerstrum**



Time flies when you're having fun. Sophomore **Hanna Albaugh** finishes running 8-6-4-6-8 during practice. Photo by **Kiel Uhl**



Can't touch this. Coach Croat helps freshman **Elyse Claiborne** stretch muscles tense from running. Stretching was a common exercise in loosening tight muscles.

Photo by **Brian Wennerstrum**

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Meredith Esbeck
varsity captain



Kirby Shiffler
varsity captain

Girls tennis

Conference Champions
State runner up for doubles
Meredith Esbeck and Hilary Baehr- Placed second in statedoubles; 13-0 during the season



Going the distance. Sophomore **Natalie Krekel** runs the 3000. "I ran that event mostly, because I like running long distance," Krekel said.

Photo by Hanna Albaugh

Struttin' their stuff. Freshmen **Elyse Claiborne**, junior **Liza Sharp**, and sophomore **Jasmin McNear** laugh and help people up from falling before going home after practice.

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Dazed and confused. Coach Kaemmer looks to his clipboard for scheduling for the next event.

Photo by Brian Wennerstrum

I believe I can fly. Sophomore **Jasmin Mcnear** goes over hurdles at practice. "I was trying to get the 3-step done so we could improve and maybe qualify for state," Mcnear said.

Photo by Brian Wennerstrum



a good social activity and it teaches good etiquette."

Soccer was a sport that many coaches were still able to play after college. Girl's soccer coach J.R. Fernandez loved the sport and played for the Des Moines Menace and Centro Americano teams. Although soccer was a notoriously hare-core rough and tumble sport, Fernandez had never been injured. He began playing when he was six years old and living in Brazil. "My grandfather was my motivation to continue to play, I play for him." Another reason Fernandez continued to play was because of the health benefits and for social interaction.

Respect was what many players had for coaches that continued to participate in a sport. Since it required many hours to teach, coach, and then train, students were glad that they were not their coaches. "It really motivates me to do the practices to my fullest ability because Kaemmer runs with us. It gave us encouragement because if he could run, so could we," freshman **Marissa Flores** said. Flores planned to continue to run after high school because of Coach Kaemmer. "I won't run a full marathon but probably a half marathon for coach when he is crippled," she said.

Of course all teachers went home and took the time to check our homework every night, but it took a really motivated teacher to educate and set an example for us on an athletic level as well as an academic one.

Suzie Cownie

Boys tennis

Conference Champions
Steve McGaughey- State Champion for singles in 2002 & 2003; 40-1 record for both seasons

Tom Heggen- 2002 State Doubles Champion



Steve McGaughey
varsity captain

Tom Heggen
varsity captain



Students get a culture shock

Imagine spending the first years of your life immersed in a wash of hysteria and popularity for one sport. If you came from just about any country in the world the sport was no doubt soccer. Coming from any country where soccer was the number one sport to the United States where it's popularity is ranked under the likes of football and baseball proved to be quite a culture shock for junior **Subhan Rahi**. "I've been playing since I could walk," Rahi said. Understandably, it was difficult to come from a country where everywhere you looked, any time of the year, people and kids were playing soccer, to a one

month timeframe of preparation (Rahi).

Team diversity certainly held strong standings in the eyes of the players. "I think the team plays better because of its diversity," **Mirsad Kazic** said. "Most foreigners are better because they are more used to playing," agreed Rahi. With a handful of players native to other countries, there were only a few language barriers that got in the way of teamwork. "Mostly everybody speaks English this year. Last year when people would call for the ball in different languages, it was hard to understand," Rahi said.

How well did players adjust to the restraints of organized sports? "When we first started practicing the coach said everyone had to make up five rules for themselves, mine was using no other language but English," said Rahi. "Every country is different. When I was in Bosnia, I would just

Victory is Mine. Junior **Yawusa Kinda** helps the team win the relay race. Kinda had the best time in the in the 400, with a time of 48.71. This score got Kinda the position of leading in the 400 in the state meet. Photo by Keshia Palmer

OUCH! Sophomore **Michael Brown** does his daily stretched with the help of junior **Derek Snyder**. "They were sometimes painful but they were necessary," said Brown. Photo by Keshia Palmer



Relax. Freshman **Dung Phan** and sophomore **Dmetri Woodruff** prepare for the next race. They were at thier home meet, which ws held at Lincoln. Photo by Keshia Palmer



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Erin Barnes
outstanding
varsity
runner



Miriam Chisala
state
champion

Girls track

4x200-State qualifiers: Erin Bornes, Domo Jenkins, Espree Stewart, Miriam Chisala
Miriam Chisala- 1st in state for 200m
Erin Bornes- 9th in state for 200m
Tanky West- state qualifier for shot putt
Aubry Boles-state qualifier for high jump
Hannah Roeder- 4th in state for 3000m



play with my friends, but now I play on a team that has more structure. Diversity is always a good thing, but it doesn't affect the team's performance much. Different people bring their own strengths to the game," **Indira Blazevic** said.

Moving thousands of miles away from home was an upset which likely changed individual performance. "I play the same, but we don't practice a lot. In Afghanistan we would go to school from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. and then play soccer from 3 P.M. until it was dark. Every region had its own kids who would play on mosque leagues but the teams weren't religiously based," said Rahi. One major difference was wearing uniforms. "There were no uniforms in Afghanistan and most kids didn't

wear shoes when they played. It's kind of cool to have them here though," Rahi said.

Sarah Hunter

Team dinners give energy

"Towards the end of the season, everyone was starting to get worn down. Coach decided that we should have a team dinner to motivate us, and it did, for me anyway. Someone's mom made pasta that I call Amtrak Alfredo because 20 minutes after I ate it, I was sprinting for the restroom," junior **Esprey Stewart** recalled.

One of the biggest, and most important questions track team members had about this bonding experience was, "What's for dinner?" The food consumed at team dinners were usually carbohydrates to give the players that extra get up and go they needed for the big meet. For many teams, parents and captains organized the dinner, and

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Something funny? Track members loosen up before a meet by sharing an inside joke.

Photo by Josh Adcock



Steady. Sophomore **Bradley Claytor** practices to qualify for state. He missed the qualification by one foot.

Photo by Keshia Palmer.

Warm Up. Sophomore **Daniel Molksted** and freshman **Aaron Tyler** jogged the track to warm up for practice. They were preparing for the for the district meet.

Photo by Keshia Palmer

Baseball

Mike Bartine - first team all state

Blake Groen- second team all state

Paul Covill- honorable mention

Bret Sikkink- second team all conference



Mike Bartine
varsity pitcher

Blake Groen
varsity catcher



scheduled the menu. Some of the top ten favorites were lasagna, spaghetti, and "Amtrak Alfredo."

"Free food, team spirit, and more free food," was how junior **W.D. Sherle** described his definition of a team dinner. As sports teams started their season, many decided that a team dinner would unite the team, allow everyone to get to know each other, and fill their stomachs. With hopes of new friendships in mind, it could have been said that a team that ate together, stayed together. For many freshmen, this was their first high school gathering with all grade levels, including those ever-powerful seniors.

"I was nervous about going since I didn't know anyone, but everyone was really nice and even the seniors welcomed me to the track team," freshman **Sarah Cramer** said.

More than one would have thought it was not only the age gap that was closed, but also many culture gaps. Since sports were an international commodity, students from all parts of the world joined the team. Dinners were just another stepping stone in uniting players with someone you might not have gotten to know otherwise.

"From getting to know people on my team, I am now one with Bosnians. The Bosnian bridge has been built," junior **Danny Flattery** said.

Waiting too long to hold a dinner to get to know teammates proved to have consequences. Practicing without knowing some of the player's names didn't leave players with very good results. This turned out to be a problem when sophomore **Nikki Parkey** stepped up to the plate.

"It seemed almost 100 degrees outside and practice

Strutting your stuff. Junior **Megan Bolin** shows off her backhand during an after-school practice.

Photos by Christa Sesker

Good form. Senior **Liz Lidgett** serves up a whopper of a backhand while at a home meet.



It's outta there. Senior **Meredith Esbeck** does what she's best at, aces her serve against a Valley opponent. Esbeck was the varsity's number one player.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin

Pickin' up the pace. Sophomore **Caitlin Sims** and freshman **Maya Pocock** start their first lap. After school practice involved a couple of warm-up laps around the courts before play began.

Photo by Christa Sesker



Liz Morris
varsity third
baseman



Katie Bartlett
varsity
catcher

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Softball

Pam Walz- senior captain, varsity outfielder

Margo Tomka- varsity outfielder, 2nd team all conference

Dana Bartolomei- varsity pitcher, honorable mention all conference



Talk to the racket. Freshman **Kayla Smith** uses both hands to return the ball to her opponent, and protects her face from the incoming 50 mph flying green sphere.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin

Raise up. During practice, sophomore **Kate Conlow** goes above and beyond...her head to return a difficult shot.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin



Up and over. Freshman **Sarah Eimers** calmly prepares to serve at practice.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin

Bring it on. Freshman **Marina Vaslijevic** is ready to return a serve.

Photo by Elizabeth Crispin



Boys varsity soccer

**Conference Champions
Third in state**

Eric Stifel- most effort towards the team on and off of the field

Matt Shepard-outstanding goalie

Mike Walker- leader in assists



Alex Munns
captain,
all tournament team

Hadis Hadzic
backbone of defense



was not going very well. Someone called me up to the plate, so I got my bat and helmet on. Once I walked out there in the beaming sun, they said they had made a mistake because they didn't know my name. The heat wasn't as bad as not knowing my name," sophomore **Nikki Parkey** recalled.

No matter what age, race, athletic preference, food was found to be the undisputed connection between them all.

Natalie Lawrence

Managers prove their worth

Seniors **Elise Brush** and **Andrea Powers** were two girls who busted their tails dedicating themselves to our school's athletic teams. The two managed for the football, wrestling and track teams.

Brush and Powers were responsible for everything from recording times and making sure people were where they were supposed to be, to getting out and putting away equipment for two and a half hours on a daily basis.

Although the managers performed their duties with a smile, there were some aspects of the job that they could have lived without: "I hated getting the water, it drove me nuts," Powers said. Their favorite part about managing was the friendships they made and the way in which the teams came together, especially when it was time for big meets and games. Brush and Powers also enjoyed the fact that they were able to get up close and personal with the guys and they were always included in everything.

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The two met their freshman year and became close friends. Track coach **Joe McQuerry** asked them if they would like to manage the football and track team. Both girls also wanted to help the wrestling team out, Brush managed for four years and Powers managed for three. Both girls agreed that their favorite sport to manage was wrestling, because they became close with the coaches and wrestlers' parents throughout every season.

Being a manager didn't come without its' embarrassing moments. A parent was videotaping a wrestling meet in Ottumwa when Powers commented on how cute senior **Brandon Haugh's** butt was. The video was played on the way to a meet in Council Bluffs, and the entire bus heard it.

"Everyone had a good laugh that day," Powers said.

Brush lettered nine times for her dedication and planned to continue managing wrestling at UNI. Powers planned to also continue managing at ISU.

"I learned a lot about how the sports work and about the referees from being a manager," Brush said.

"There is a lot of work put into it and you really have to pay attention and know what you're doing," Powers added.

Austin Smith ballers start young and win big

Beaverdale Little League Pirates would have never guessed their five year old player would turn into a four year letter award winner for Roosevelt High School. Senior **Bret Sikkink** always looked up to his role model Kirby Puckett. After playing

Nice swing. While offering words of encouragement **Tania Coulter** tosses the ball during soft toss. As team captain, Coulter led varsity softball practice after school. "I loved being a part of the team, and I was excited to be team captain," Coulter recalled.

Photo by
Katie Milobar



What? Senior **Leigh Zisko** waits patiently for her turn at the tee. The softball team practiced batting for at least one hour every practice, including duration of summer.

Photo by Katie Milobar

Hurry Up! Sophomore **Nikki Parkey** winds up for a long throw to homeplate from left field. While on the softball team, Parkey held her own on the JV and varsity team.

Photo by Katie Milobar

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Anna Clough
varsity
captain



Meggie Malm
varsity
captain

Girls varsity soccer

Team record: 14-4
Conference Champions
Mollie McMahon- outstanding
freshman on varsity
Christina Brown- best effort

Hit it! Freshmen **Sarah Leanord** takes a big swing during batting practice. When this batter was called to the plate, her practice was well noticed.

Photo by Katie Milobar



Up up and away. Junior **Megan Jones** watches her long drive soar. Through her high flying day, Jones was not disappointed.

Photo by Maggie Dolan



Feel the burn! sophomore **Greta Sullivan** fights the burden of gravity as she struggles to carry her clubs. After an exhausting day of practice, Sullivan packed to go home.

Photo by Maggie Dolan

Fooooore! Junior **Maggie Dolan** is chipping onto the green during practice. Dolan's long drive prepared her for the regional meet where she placed fourth.

Photo by Matt Sheperd



I think I can. Freshman **Liz Cooney** aims across the green to carefully sink the hole. With gloves ready to go, Cooney refurbished her putting skills.

Photo by Maggie Dolan

baseball for most of his life and striving to become more like his role model, the hard work and determination paid off during the 2002 baseball season. Sikkink helped his team become the first team to be named semi-state finalists and make the state tournament since 1972.

Senior **Blake Groen**, another key player for the 2002 season, could not remember a moment when baseball wasn't a part of his life. His first few memories were playing baseball with his older brothers. "We had a rough start. After the Valley game, we had a team meeting and knew we were better. We got on a roll. It was an awesome, fun, season. "Coach (Yacinich) told us we could beat the number one ranked team Lewis Central." The theory held true when the team came out of the season as Semi-State Finalists. Transferring to Roosevelt his sophomore year, Groen was only allowed to letter three times. His advice for the upcoming new team members:

"Work hard and listen to Yacinich. He knows his stuff. Most importantly though, unifying the team is what got us to where we are today."

Coach **Pat Yacinich** was no different from any member of his team. He started playing baseball at a young age. His love for the sport came from his father and other family members. He played college baseball for Grandview before coming to coach for Roosevelt in 1991. Yacinich's first year team ended the season with only five wins. The next year, the Riders were defeated the entire season. A decade later, Coach Yacinich led his team to be conference champions and move onto the final four. Coach Yacinich started

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Girls j.v./ freshman soccer

Conference Champions

Indira Blasovic- most improved freshman

Megan Ashley- most aggressive

Sydney Bardole- "star" player



Wanakee Carr
MVP junior
varsity

Carlye Sikkink
MVP junior
varsity



student baseball camps and other activities to influence and teach future Riders. At the beginning of each season, the team did not talk about how many wins or losses they would endure during the year. Instead they focused on bettering each of themselves game to game.

The record-breaking 2003 team was created by hours of practice and team unification. The Roosevelt Rough Rider Baseball team had a breathtaking year. Senior **Paul Covill** put it best: "It was a lot of fun, and we hope to repeat it."

Austin Smith

The girls just wanna have fun

At one of the first girl's golf team practices, senior **Amy Graziano-Davis** asked

junior **Claire Wood** if she would hit a couple of construction workers positioned near their practice area if she was paid \$5. Wood (not intending to really hit the guys) aimed for their general direction, swung,

and the ball headed right for them and bounced around in the trees above their heads. The men fell to the ground for cover while the girls yelled "Fore"! Junior **Maggie Dolan** wanted in on the bet and stepped up after Wood to again shoot directly at the men. Even though Wood did as prankster Graziano-Davis asked, she didn't get the \$5 because she didn't actually hit any of the construction workers.

The team used pranks to relax and come together as a team. They didn't consider themselves a strict team: "I found the more loose that we are when we're (at practice), we actually do a lot better. We go out, have a lot of fun, and help each other out. Orbie [Boggs] is a great coach."



Slide. At Valley, junior **Eddie Wilson** slides for possession of the ball. Wilson plays midfield for boys varsity. Photo by Elizabeth Crispin

Watch my feet. Junior **Danny Flattery** avoids and dribbles around a Valley defender. Photo by Elizabeth Crispin



Emili Johnson
outstanding
runner



Glenna Palimore
outstanding
runner

Girls j.v. track

2nd in conference
27 members-largest team ever

Dionne Trumbo- most improved

Glenna Palimore- top j.v. runner

Emili Johnson- most enthusiastic about running

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Take it up line. Senior **Kate Walker** battles it out between two girls for the ball at the varsity Valley girls game. Walker has played Varsity soccer for 5 years.
Photo by Wanakee Carr

Outside. Senior **Margot Courtney** controls and plays the ball from the back to the left defender against Valley. Courtney plays sweeper for the varsity girls team.
Photos by Wanakee Carr



Starshine. While warming up with teammates, freshman **Sydney Bardole** yells "I'm a star!" The team was unable to practice on the field due to snow and instead had practice in a wooded area nearby.
Photo by Margo Tomka



For a sport that is mainly a solo effort, the team strived to play as a group. They split up into groups of three to four people and the best girls started while the newer members waited until Varsity was further down the course.

Sophomore **Greta Sullivan** sometimes practiced on her own or with a friend as well as the four two hour practices a week. During practices, "I go through the motions of how my swing is supposed to be and as far as getting mentally prepared I try not to think about what I'm doing." At practices, freshman **Jamie Spiering** had thoughts on how she would do the rest of the practice if she messed up her first shot. "If you don't do well your first shot, you don't do well the rest of the day".

Motivation for practice wasn't hard for the team because they all have enjoyed playing the game. "It's a thing we know we have to do so we just go do it. It's not like a big hassle anyway because we all enjoy playing golf," Wood said. Sullivan agreed: "I like the sport, that's enough motivation for me."

Rumors about the team joining together with other teams in the district were still an unsettling part of the season, but team unity prevailed in the end.

Members of the team thought that they had an excellent team this year and would expect to at least get to state. They felt that they achieved their status because of their closeness with the team. They were all friends and strive to help each other out. Just playing to have fun was the girl's way to accomplish their goals.

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Takin' a rest. After doing indian runs, Junior **Danielle Speicher** sits on the gravel to rest her ankles. This was Speicher's first year playing J.V. a n d f r e s h m a n s o c c e r .

Photo by M a r g o Tomka



Not even close. Sophomore Goalie **Matt Shepard** blocks and catches a shot off the foot of a valley player. "(I was) making sure I didn't give up a rebound," said Shepard.
Photo by Wanakee Carr



Sharks

Alex Kennedy and Laura Lozier-Presidents
Kirby Shiffler and Amy Sirk-Vice Presidents
Liz Yepsen-Secretary
Robin Samples-Treasurer
McKenzie Swanson-Freeman-Publicity



Natalie Scarpino
President elect

Anne Lingwall
Vice president elect



Spring teams sweep most conference titles

Every spring sport except girls track took a conference title back home. The girls track team took runner up in a close meet.

While the boys tennis team won the conference title for the past 10 years, the girls tennis team brought one home too. The boys team was anticipated to bring home the title, but the girls had to work a lot harder.

"Everyone did awesome. The girls had a big win against Lincoln and everyone was very confident," boys and girls tennis team coach **Deb Stetson** said.

With the loss of a lot of seniors from last season, the boys' tennis team still stayed strong.

"We lost 6 seniors from last year but we had a lot of younger kids this season. I liked working with them," senior

captain **Steve McGaughay** said.

"We were a lot stronger this season and in the past, the matches we don't usually win, we won," said senior captain **Meredith Esbeck** who was very excited about winning conference since she had never been part of winning one.

With a new coach this season, the boys' soccer team continued its momentum and captured a conference title.

"One step at a time and everything will be accomplished," said coach **Matt Kennedy**.

With that, he started the season with a goal and a philosophy. As his first year coaching here, he saw a lot of improvement and change

Batter up. At practice grade **Scott Bonds** steps up to plate to practice his hitting. Scott will catch and play first base for the Riders this season.

Photo by Elizabeth Emsweller

Your out. Junior **Danny Rohrs** prepares to throw the runner out at first. This is his second year s a varsity player.

Photo by Elizabeth Emsweller



Relay. Senior **Nick Renkoski** relays the ball in to get the runner out at home.

Photo by Elizabeth Emsweller

Strike. Senior **Blake Groen** plays catch to warm up before practice.

Photo by Elizabeth Emsweller



Ryan Loman
freshman
team



Eric Crandell
freshman
team

Boys J.V./ freshman soccer

J.V. team record: 4-5

Freshman team record: 4-4-2

Keenan Mc Man- j.v. captain

Hafiz Ibrahim- j.v. lead scorer

Kirk Ryan- outstanding j.v. goalie

Ty Neither- freshman sweeper

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in personality's wanting to win and wanting to rebuild the tradition.

The girls' soccer team followed right after the boys' soccer team, also bringing home a conference title.

With a lot of returning players from the previous season, everyone knew their teammates' abilities. They did lose a few good graduates, but it didn't stop them from coming together and winning the conference title.

For 5 years running, the boys track team brought the conference title back home.

"The conference meet is just an example of what they do best by peaking at the right time. It's an example of their ability," coach **Joe McQuerry** said.

The girls track team was runner up with a lot of improvement from last season. Ottumwa took the title by only 10.5 points.

"Last year we lost to them by over 100 points. There was a lot of improvement if we keep progressing, next season could turn out different," coach **Bill Kaemmer** said.

The girls took nine first place finishes compared to 1 last season and made a conference record in the 4x200.

"We worked together as a team and were way better than last year," junior Tanky West said.

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Pretty pretty princess.

Sophomore **Mandy McClure** prepares her makeup for the opening night of the Sharks pagent. This was McClure's second year as a Shark.

Photo by Sarah Hunter

Practice makes perfect.

Sophomore **Sarah Wine** perfects her moves for the "short" routine. This routine was choreographed by Juniors **Caitlin Graham** and **Allison Peton**.

Photo by Carolyn Bartlett



Paint it on. Before the shark's pagent, a team moma student get ready. The girls had to put wax over their hair to keep the style preserved. Photo by Sarah Hunter

Circle of Life. Sharks swim in formation during dress rehearsal.

Photo by Sarah Hunter



J.V. boys track

Conference Champions

Johnathan Murray- most fun

Sean Warren- outstanding sprinter

Jon Thomas- outstanding distance runner



Kory Uhl
j.v. runner

Chris Weimann
j.v./varsity runner



people

freshmen-108-119

sophomores-120-129

juniors-130-139

faculty-140-141


These are spirit fingers. Varsit show choir members seniors Laura Lozier and Chris Abbott get down with their bad selves. Show choir was practicing in the auditorium for the upcoming winter choral concert.

*Photo by
Hannah Garrison*

Catchin' a flick. A few of **Kerry Ketcham's** AP American history students get their chat on right before watching *Gangs of New York*. Ketcham continued his annual tradition of taking his classes to a movie dealing with topics that significantly affected the United States

*Photo by
Dana Bartolomei*





Tastes good. Chillin' at the Fallout Shelter, seniors **Lauren Smith** and **JGene Mahoney** are taken in by the punk rock beats, and get up close and personal with each other. Friday nights were a popular time for students to catch a concert at the Shelter, and make friends.

*Photo by
Nwanneka Eke*

One looming school-wide concern that heated up the already hot days of late August and early September was freshmen initiations into school clubs, sports and organizations. Reports of hazing caused the administration to rethink policies concerning new members of our community. But thanks to both student and faculty dedication, the conflict became an opportunity to create new traditions that were more effectively able to make us more tightly knit as a group.

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and faculty members worked together to make the 2003 school year successful academically and socially.

Bonds created while cheering at pep assemblies, ringing the victory bell, and filling plates at team potlucks served as a means to fuse the grades together.

Organizations continued the tradition of pairing seniors with freshmen. Upperclassmen taught newcomers tricks of the trade in various sports and clubs and the high school arena as a whole.

Overcoming difficult issues helped us grow into conscientious members of society. Upperclassmen came to the aid of freshmen in need of guidance both in and out of the classroom, and by the year's end we didn't seem so different from one another.

Freshmen face *new encounters*

Your first year in high school could often reveal what the next four would be like, or you may have changed completely from year to year. Through it all, freshmen encountered the people they would spend the next four years with along with a few other startling events.

"I couldn't find my way anywhere! I kept having to stop and ask some random

person where my next class was," freshman **Kayla Smith** said. This was a common feeling shared among freshmen as they first entered high school. Even though they may have gotten lost when they first started, many students became active in different school athletics and participated in various events.

Smith along with many

others in the freshmen class were shocked to find how different high school dances really were. Bigger crowds, better music, and getting more dressed up were just a few of the differences with the high school dance scene. "They're a lot different from all of the dances that I had been to in middle school, except for the eight grade dinner dance," freshman **Jamie Spiering** said.

With all of the new challenges, freshmen found time to try out new sports they had never participated

in before. "I started to run track this year so I could meet new people and just be able to say that I was part of it," freshman **Theresa Larew** said.

Included within all of the new faces were upperclassmen. "For the first couple of months they gave us a lot of crap for being freshmen but now I'm friends with a lot of them," freshman **Robbie Salisbury** said. While most upperclassmen went out to lunch, the freshmen were supposed to remain on school campus which is

something many of them did not enjoy but not everyone considered to be that terrible. "It's not that bad but I guess the lines are kind of long," freshman **Marissa Florez** said. Even though a lot of students remained at school some preferred leaving over staying, such as freshman **Perri Woods** who went out to the Iowa Bagel Bakery Cafe a few times with an unnamed upperclassman and preferred it over the crowded cafeteria.

Hanna Albaugh

What's an embarrassing event you endured this year?

"One time when I went out to lunch, the people at McDonalds took so long that I got left there. I had to walk all the way back to Roosevelt and I got there during sixth period."

Roberto Rodriguez,
freshman

"All of the upperclassmen guys hitting me on the back of the head shouting 'HEY LITTLE LAREW!'"

Theresa Larew,
freshman

"I was walking outside on this really rainy day while wearing a skirt and I slipped and fell in a puddle of mud right in front of a huge group of people."

Octavia Ingram,
freshman

"At a football game against North, I was doing a kick and my shoe flew off and across the gym."

Elyse Claiborne,
freshman

"The first time I went into the cafeteria, I never wanted to go back."

Glenn Clark,
freshmen

"I got in this fight with some guy in the parking lot because I made his friend really mad."

Justin Griffey,
freshman

"The first time I went to football practice I thought I was going to pass out because practice was so difficult."

Brandon Swedberg,
freshman

"During the first week of school I went out to KFC for lunch. There was this one old lady there who thought I was her granddaughter. So I left without having anything for lunch."

Andrea Herrick,
freshman

Muataz Ahmed
Salpha Akuar
Anela Alagic
Timothy Alberts
Hannah Alder
Jesselyn Alder
Senada Alibasic
Robert Allen



Musco Amiethkongroar
Erin Anderson
Eric Andrews
Danielle Argumede
Crystal Arthur
Tyler Arthur
Megan Ashley
Alen Atajic



Ime Augustine-Akpan
Brianna Baidi
Kevin Bailey
Sejad Bajramovic
Alexis Baker
Dillon Baker
Maxwell Baldwin
Sydney Bardole



Lete Barikor
Rachel Barisere
Geoffrey Barnes
David Bartine
Sarah Batchelder
Warren Batiste
Anastasya Bawn
Zachary Beason





B A M ! ! !
Freshman **Mark Konecny-Green** plays "English Dances" during band. He began playing the drums in fifth grade and hoped to keep playing all throughout high school.



Hurry up!
Freshmen **Theresa Larew, Sarah Kramer, and Perri Woods** rush to finish getting ready before track practices which started at 3:15pm almost every day from February to May.

How long does this take? Thoughts like this kept popping into freshman **Carey McGhee's** head as she worked up until the bell on word parts in her ninth grade English class. She and the rest of her third period class worked on various assignments like that one throughout the entire year.

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London Butts
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Ramsey Carey
Ryan Carey
Racheal Carr
Lucas Carson
Daniel Cavanaugh

confront the *fear*

The freshman class waited anxiously for the first day of the rest of their lives, at least for the next four years. Their future high school careers laid ahead of them, taunted them. The first day of school brought about 394 frightened faces who wondered timidly down the hallways. "Don't trip, don't get lost!" were among the thousands of thoughts that

rushed through their heads.

For many freshman their first day of high school was accompanied with mixed emotions. It was a new year, a chance for a fresh start, in an unfamiliar school of unfamiliar faces. "I was so scared of all the older kids. They were all taller than me and bigger than me. Everything looked the same, it was confusing," freshman

Leah Pope said.

While the new class promised to offer a variety of personalities to the campus, emotions ran high. "I felt very overwhelmed at first. Everyone seemed bigger and the classes seemed a lot harder," freshman Maya Pocock said. "Eventually I got used to the school and realized how easy all my classes and everything else were."

High school wasn't always easy for freshmen. Since the beginning of time they were treated like the scum of the

earth in the eyes of the upper classmen. "The worst part about being a freshman is all the older kids diss you and give you a hard time. But, I got used to the school and it's a lot easier to get acquainted with people," Leah Pope said.

By the end of an exhausting first day, to most freshmen, it seemed like they had seen it all. They had survived. Most left the building with uplifted spirits. The school didn't seem quite as scary, and the

halls seemed a little more familiar. They felt ready to face a new day. "On the first day of school I thought that it was kind of scary, but then I realized that it's overrated," freshman Chris Shepard said.

While many classmen had older siblings and friends to reassure them on their first days of high school, most soon realized that it hadn't been scary after all.

Sarah Hunter

Takin' it easy. Freshman Carey McGahee strides down one of the back hallways with confidence. Freshmen learned to make the school their own soon after the beginning of school.

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Sarah
Hunter



Q and A Freshman Anthony Hobbs

Q: How did orientation prepare you for your first day of school?

A: It helped me learn my way around the school.

Q: Did orientation change your perspective of the school?

A: No, It just gave me a better feel for the school.

Q: What did you think of the school?

A: That it was huge and had

a lot of weird people in it.

Q: Did you go to any of the wrong classes?

A: No, but I was late to three.

Q: Where you surprised that the 2nd day of school was cancelled for a storm?

A: I felt ready for the next day. When my mom told me it was cancelled I didn't believe it, until I saw it on the news.

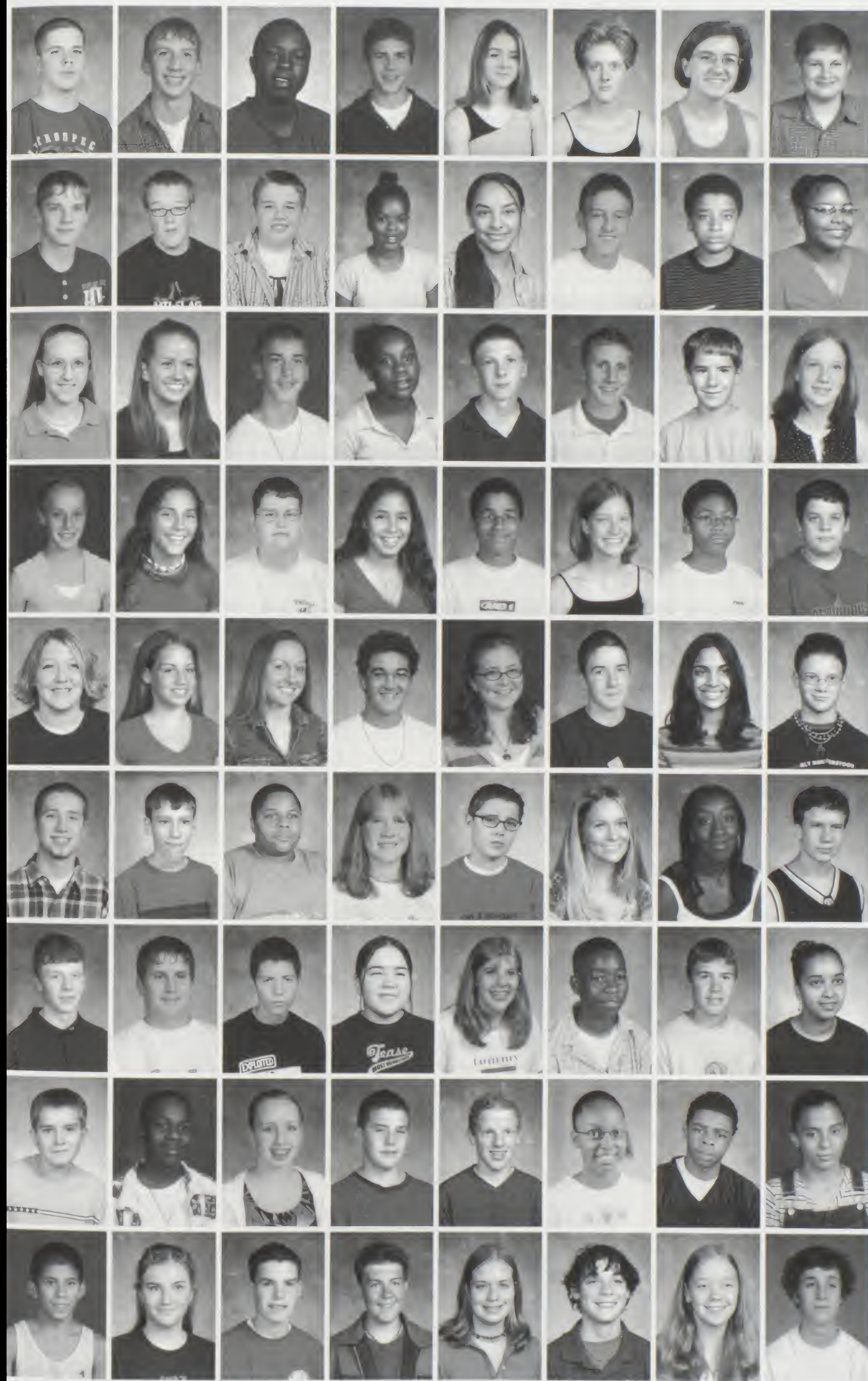
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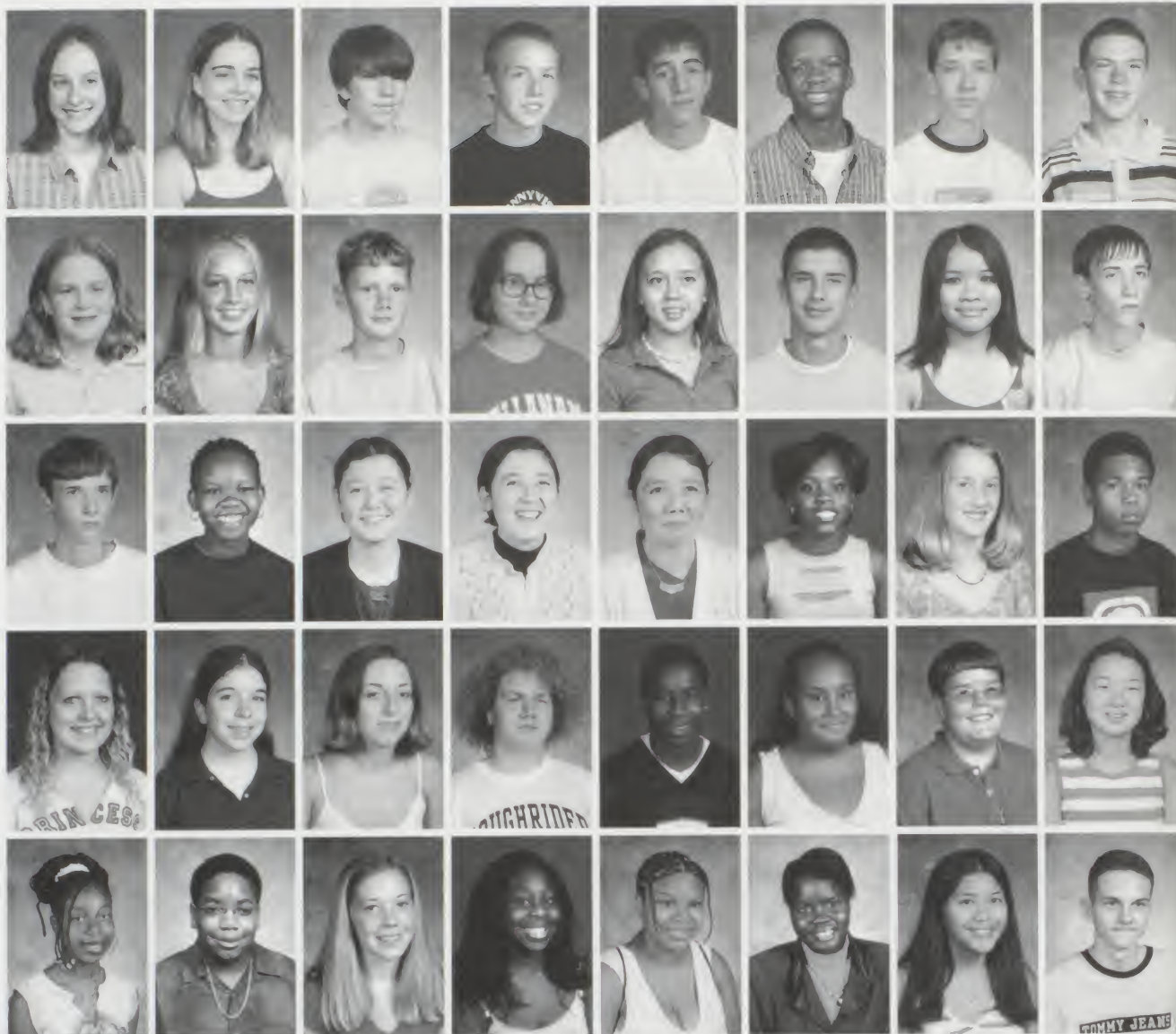
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best and worst *of times*

The joys of being a freshman. The new people you met, the activities you joined, the new environment you encountered, the embarrassing moments that occurred, the teachers who got on your nerves, and the grades that dropped below

average. Freshman year could be bliss or just plain torture.

Freshman **Sawyer Herweh** said that since many teachers lectured more in high school, it made him bored and less interested in class. After school, however, he made

many new friends and started to hang out at the Fallout Shelter with them.

Freshman **Blair Hamilton** learned how to get on her parents' good side to make them think she was more responsible and mature enough to do new things. "First semester my grades weren't that good and my parents started taking my privileges away from me. Then, I started bringing my grades up and they started letting me do things I hadn't

really been allowed to do before."

Freshman **Courtney Mtayari** remembered a time in which her grades didn't slip, but she did. She said it was the most embarrassing moment of her freshman year. "I was walking down the steps with a couple of friends and I turned around and fell down the steps."

Once in a while you met someone who never had a bad time their entire freshman year. **Brian Phan**

said that he really enjoyed every moment of ninth grade. Phan's favorite activity was running boys track "I really enjoy it, it's something that I'm really good at. At least that's what I think."

Just as long as a friend was by your side, the horrors of freshman year could be overlooked and the good times came alive.

Elizabeth Emsweller

What was your favorite or least favorite ninth grade experience?

"The first day of school my friends and I all decided to go out to lunch. Somehow I got left behind. I didn't want to be seen all by myself so I ate my peanut butter and

jelly in a bathroom stall all by myself."

Mackenzie Smith,
freshman

"Ms. Griffith put a stain on my referral from eating chips."

Ben Seiberling,
freshman

"I didn't like Spanish, I failed and my teacher made me cry."

Clair McClantack,
freshman

"I almost strangled myself in gym, I tried to lift 145 pounds with out knowing I couldn't actually lift it."

Scott Knecht,
freshman

"I wanted to go out to lunch with friends and I was being nice and took back Glenn (Clark)'s books. I got left behind and had to eat in the cafeteria."

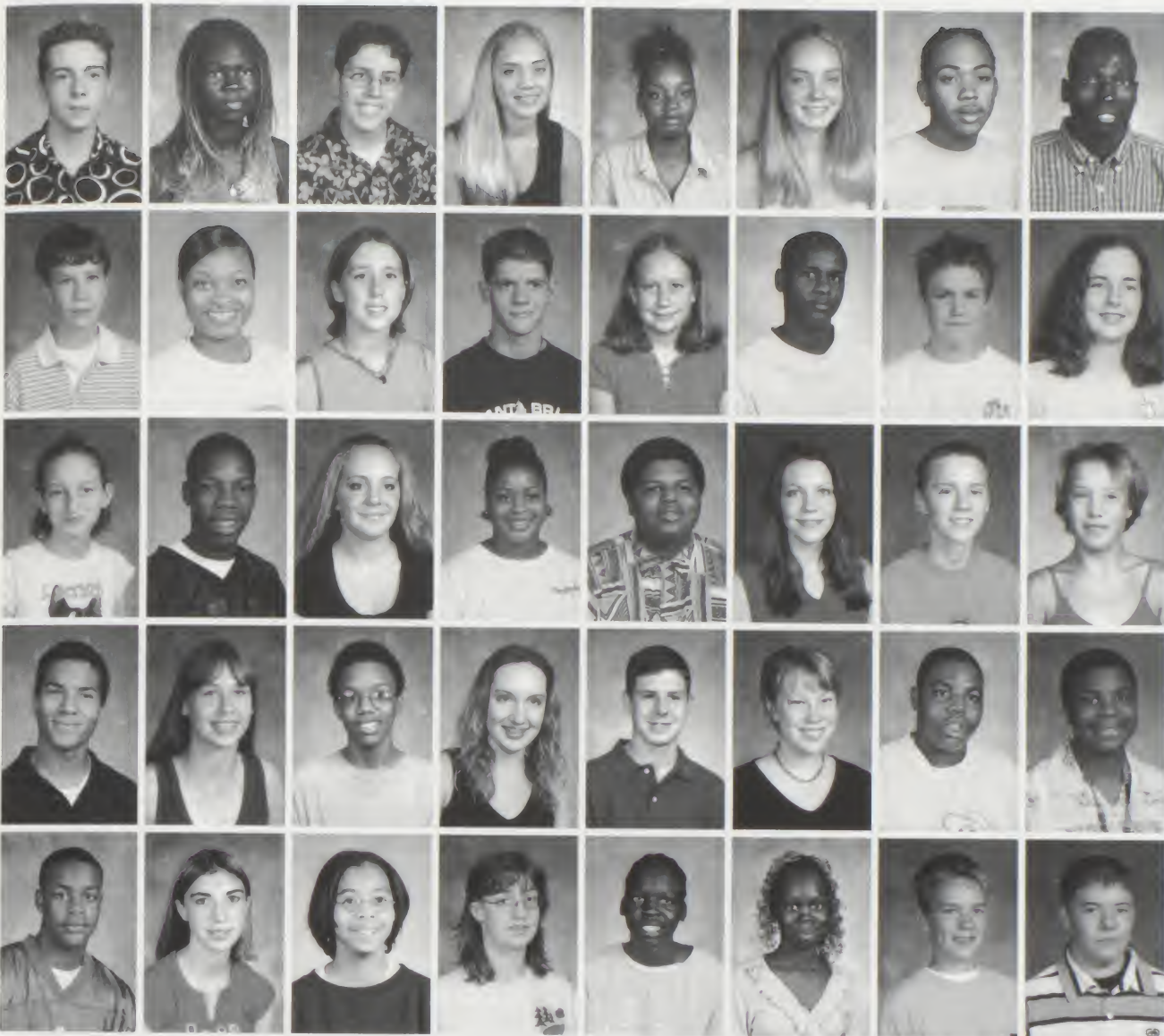
Dan Singer,
freshman

"My favorite thing was being able to kiss Jim Schwartz at swim team initiation."

Kate Lidgett,
freshman

"Getting in trouble way too much."

Kevin Deen,
freshman



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Frank Manders

Stop the War!
Freshman **Mackinzie Smith** protests the war on Iraq during the March 5th National Student Day of Action. Students as young as seventh grade gathered at The Capital to express their feelings about the war. Smith held a sign with this year's theme "Books not Bombs".

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Elizabeth
Emsweller



Sleeping the class away. After getting kicked out of Mr. and Mrs. Havighurst's ninth grade English class, Freshman **Robbie Salisbury** decides to catch a few zzzz's until he was able to join the class again.

Photo by
Carmen
Argumendo



He's running the distance. Freshman **Brian Phan** practices his running skills during an after school practice. Track was one of Phan's favorite high school activities, and it gave him a good way to escape those seniors.

Photo by
Josh Adcock

Could you be a *young Einstein?*

On the first day of school, we were eager to see if your friends were going to be in your classes. Walking into pre-calculus, you noticed that your class was filled with about 15 seniors, a couple of juniors and one freshman- you. Freshman **Dan Cavanaugh** knew exactly what that felt

like. "It's kind of intimidating to be in a class where you don't relate on their particular level," Cavanaugh said.

In **Deb Stetson's** health class, freshman **Dallas Spartan** often felt a little toasty in the hot seat. "I didn't know that I was going to be in a class with a bunch

of seniors, heck, I didn't know that I was in an advanced class," Spartan said. Spartan was familiar with the surroundings, due to the fact that he took ninth grade English while in eighth grade at Merrill middle school. "I flunked second semester of English nine and had to take it at summer school."

Integrated III might not have been as hard as **Danielle Pippert's** pre-calculus class, but it did have some seniors in it. Freshman

Rose Mayo made most of her classmates feel like they had a lot of catching up to do. "I was pressured by my mom to become smart," Mayo said. "My regular classes are harder than my advanced classes. For instance, in my English class, we have a six page report and in biology, we just sit around and do experiments."

Freshmen weren't just good in the academic department, but seemed to do well in athletics as well. Freshman **Quinetta Claytor**

was spotted on the freshman and sophomore girl's basketball teams. Not only did Claytor rock the court hard, but she juggled that with 10th grade English at Central Academy and seemed to be making the grades that her parents wanted her to get.

Before making fun of the incoming freshman, remember that a ninth grader could be supplying you some much needed calculus notes.

Jessica Lewis

Explain the difference between advanced and regular classes.

"Probably keeping up the grades if you have a good grade in the first place."

Carey Schaff,
freshman

"It's not that big of a deal because all you do is read all the time. Besides my advanced classes are easier than my regular classes."

Dominique Trumbo,
freshman

"In World Civics at Central Academy, there is a lot of reading and it sucks because it's supposed to be like college."

Sarah Cramer,
freshman

"Too much homework because some people have things to do other than their homework. Some people just don't have enough time in their schedule to do so."

Richard Rumley,
freshman

"There really isn't much of a difference between advanced classes and regular classes, except that you do less work in

your advanced classes. That's the cool part."

Martin Whitman,
freshman

"Geometry is not that hard, if you're here everyday and take extremely good notes in class."

Hannah Alder,
freshman

"When you don't want a large work load, you end

up getting a huge heap that you can't do in the time that you're done from all of your activities."

Kayla Smith,
freshman

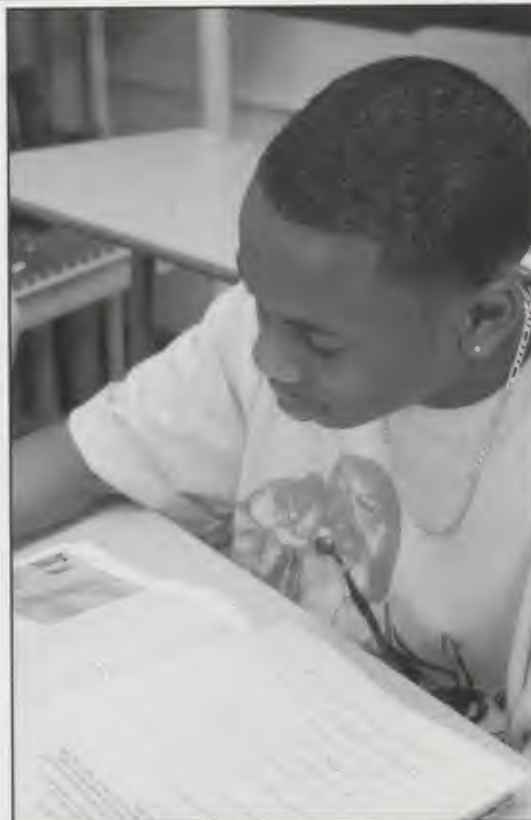
"It's harder for me because all the homework falls around my wrestling meets during the middle of the week."

Anthony Livingston,
freshman



Gotta get this done. Obviously Freshman **Maggie Conley** didn't get the memo about doing homework at home. Conley was trying to finish her Geometry homework in **Mark and Barb Havighurst's** English class.

Photo by Jessica Lewis



A z t e c Who?

Reading in class requires some dedication and many notes. Freshman **Curtis Hall** tried to finish an assignment based on text book reading in **Bill Kaemmer's** advanced world studies class.

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Jessica
Lewis*

Rock-a-bye. Freshman **Dan Cavanaugh** rests on the couch in the band room with his physics book. Cavanaugh was studying for a physics test in **Mike Blair's** class.

Photo by Marty McDanel



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Michael Maynard

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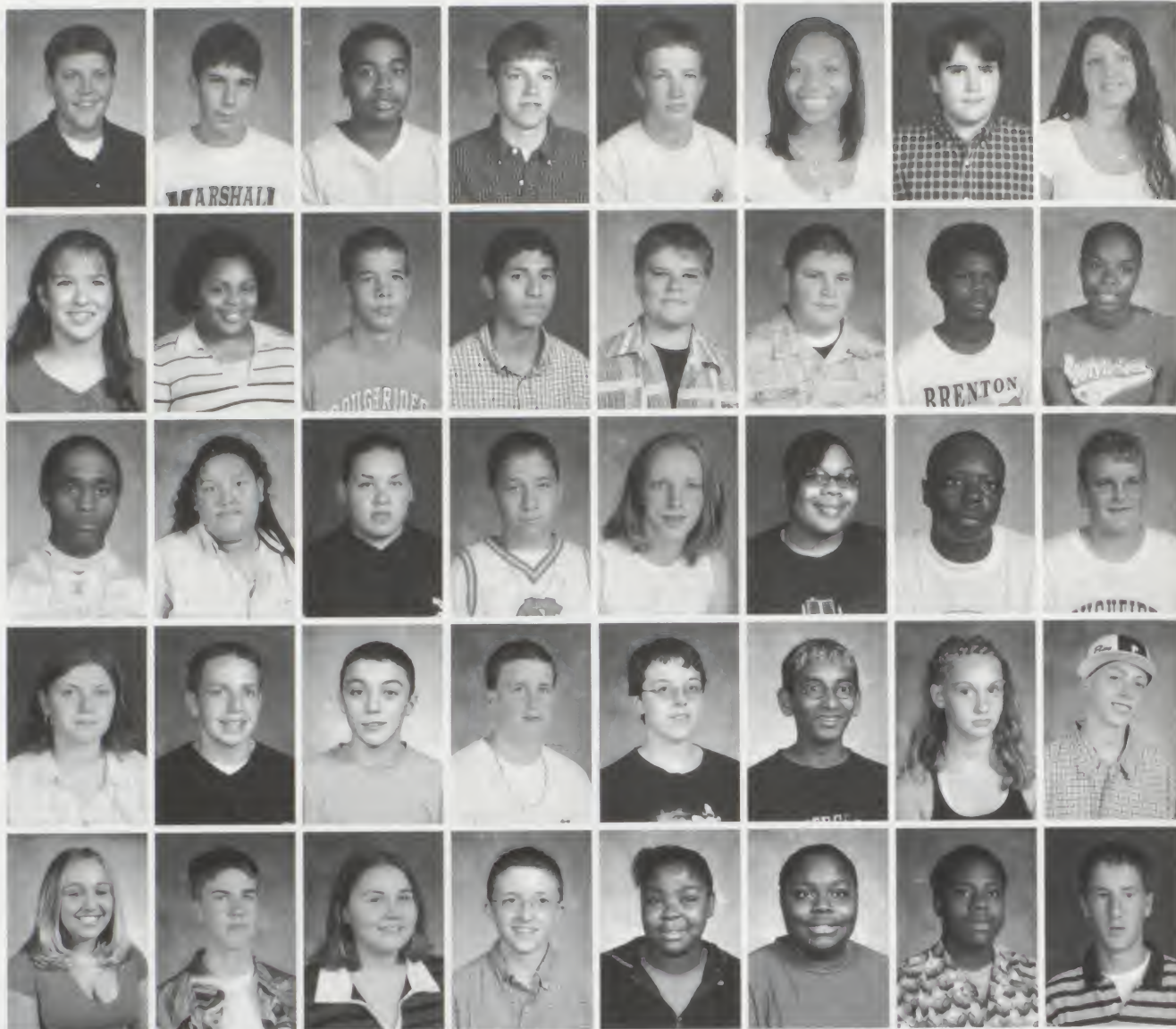
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Nick Sharp



hot lunch gets *the cold shoulder*

Although it was common to see the cafeteria overflowing with freshmen over the noon hour, many still took the risk enjoy the thrill of dining off-campus. The majority of freshmen were sneaky and never got caught by the hall monitors. But the unlucky few ended up face to face with a vice principal.

Many freshmen chose to stick around the cafeteria rather than risk getting in trouble.

Freshmen who did go off-campus usually got a ride from upperclassmen. **Sterling Canaday** was a freshmen who firmly believed in having someone drive you. "I never got

caught because I always hid in a car."

Getting caught off-campus was not fun. The two early bird detentions freshmen received for lunching off campus wasn't as severe as the phone call to parents. Freshman **Krystal Van Pelt** was walking back from Taco John's when hall monitor **Joe McQuerry** caught her. "I really didn't mind the early birds, but the call to my mom was horrible because I was grounded for a whole week,"

Van Pelt said. Freshman **Aaris Hiscox** was at lunch with his buddies freshmen **Hunter Wilson** and junior **Kyle McManus** when he was caught. The main reason he was caught was because he was driving his own car. Another reason was because: "Hunter looks just like a fifth grader. No wonder we got caught," Hiscox said. Hiscox was also assigned two early birds but never served them so he enjoyed in-school suspension with his lunch.

There were plenty of freshmen who stayed at school to enjoy the cozy atmosphere of the cafeteria. Freshman **Caitlin Suttie** stayed on campus for lunch. "I like the cookies here because they aren't soaked with grease like at Callanan," Suttie said.

Lunch was the best time of day for everyone, it was just a little more exciting if you were a freshmen.

Suzie Cownie

Describe your dream Lunch.

"Give me pepperoni pizza, cream soda, and lots of lovely girls. That would be the best lunch known to man!"

Kurtis Hall,
freshman

"I would enjoy pasta with New York style cheesecake and to drink I would love a pineapple, kiwi smoothie."

Ime Augustine-Akpan,
freshman
"I crave mashed potatoes."
Maggie Steffen,
freshman

"Ho-Ho's and Pizza would be the best lunch ever."
David Bartine,
freshman

"Creamy peanut butter and grape jelly makes my mouth water."
Hannah Roeder,
freshman

"I want to grub on chinese food...I love rice!"
Josh Spain,
freshman

"I would so eat at Godfathers and munch on a pepperoni pizza with green olives."
Marcus Ford,
freshman

"Cornbread, greens, and some fried chicken that my grandma makes."

Terrell James
freshman
"I would have some Mac 'n' Cheese with fried chicken."
Johnanthan Mohan,
freshman



Alyssa Sheets
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Tyler Shetler
Datron Simmons
Belkis Sinanovic
Daniel Singer
Sarah Skidmore
Cynthia Smallwood

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Caitlin Suttie
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Brandon Swedberg



Y-M-C-A! Freshman **Marcus Ford** likes to express his ideas by talking with his hands. Ford liked to eat two M&M cookies and lemonade everyday for his cafeteria lunch.

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Chug it. Freshman **Tiara Winn** is not too excited to eat her ravioli, so instead chooses to grub on some chocolate milk. Winn later tried the cafeteria's fine dining and discovered the delicious taste of the italian cuisine.

Hungry Hippo. Freshman **Kevin Bailey** eats two pizzas for lunch as his friend freshman **Grace Connolly** watches with pizza envy. Connolly never received the pizza bite she wanted.

class of '06

discover horror

Freshman **Jordan Croft** went to her first hour art class with much anticipation. Art was one of her favorite classes and what could possibly go wrong on the first day? Ten minutes later, she was in the bathroom cleaning the vomit from another student off of

herself.

Apparently, another student sitting by her had asked the teacher to go to the bathroom. He did not make it. Seconds later, Croft was drenched in his vomit. "I felt bad and didn't say anything to the kid," Croft said. "I never wanted to go

back to that class ever again."

After the incident happened, art teacher **Becky Johnson** evacuated the class down to the library until a janitor could clean up the spill.

Freshman **Maeve Jackowski** was rudely awaked to the fear of high school when she entered **Bill Kaemmer's** world history class. She was trying to walk to her desk, but instead tripped and launched herself into the radiator. "It really hurt and I

had a bruise for a few weeks. The whole class was laughing at me."

"Me amo con Sandra Bullock!" (I'm in love with Sandra Bullock). Freshmen **Leah Pope** asked when answering a question from Spanish II instructor **Sue Davis**.

The question was actually 'what do you think of Sandra Bullock?' After the class burst out in laughter, Pope realized what she said and sunk deep into her seat.

"I couldn't believe what I had said," Pope said she

still has inside jokes with her friends about that day in Spanish class.

Freshmen told of their pain and suffering during their first year of high school. Few students did not have some sort of story to share. Whether it was having a losing battle with the stairs or messy occurrences in art, freshmen never forgot the excitement of their first year in a new school.

Josh Anderson

What's a moment you wish you could forget?

"One time I remember it was slippery outside and someone pushed me and I fell."

Lilybeth Grozco
freshman

"I was walking down the stairs and was wearing these new boots I just got. I saw my friend and started talking to her and I lost concentration on walking in my new boots. I fell down the stairs in front of everyone during passing period."

Sara Eimers,
freshman

"I went outside to eat lunch and sat in dog crap, and No one bothered to tell me."

Carly Kennedy
freshman

"This one time the desk in my history class only had legs on the chair part. I sat on the desk and the whole thing toppled over."

Nick Hegre
freshman

"During freshman orientation, I could not find the classes on my schedule. I was really embarrassed so on the first day of school I had my mom come in early with me and help me find my classes."

Maya Pocock
freshman

"Falling in front of the whole gym class."

Alex Snodgrass
freshman

"I got a cheeseburger dropped in my lap. It was hot."

Mak Suceska
freshman

"I fell on my face."

Brittney Johnson
freshman

"Spilling a cup of orange paint on my pants during art class."

Cass Franklin
freshman

Phillip Swinnie
Pawel Szemplinski
Sarah Taffae
Jacob Talraas
Aaron Taylor
Asmir Telbiz
Denis Telbiz
John Thelen

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Evan Waddell
Nikki Wagner
Nicholas Walker
Amber Ward
Sierra Ware
Emily Warford
Jacquelyn Webb-Woolery
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Careful. Freshman **Jordan Croft** brushes up on her art skills. She kept an open eye for spills while focused on her art project.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



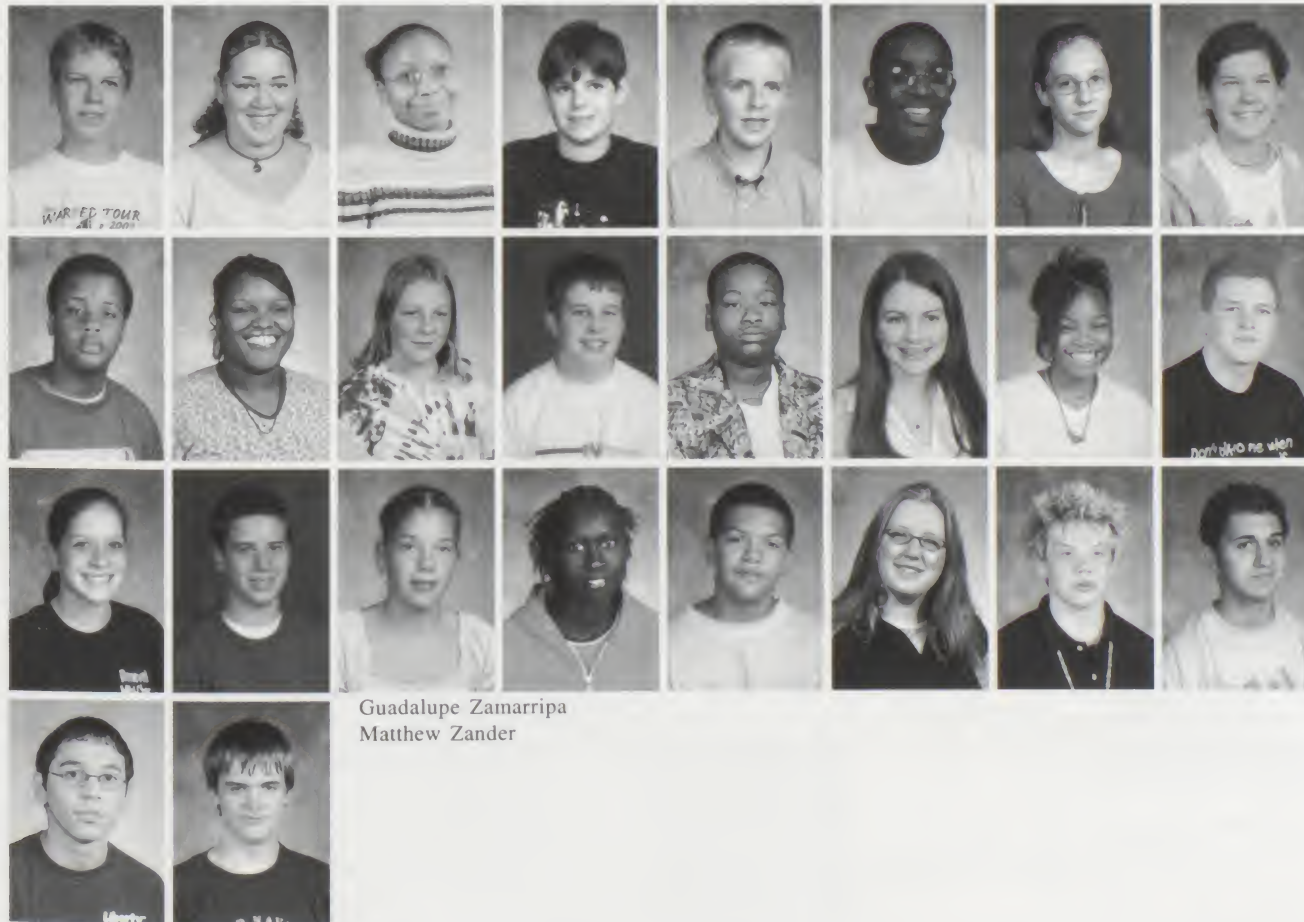
It happened right there. Freshman **Korea Elliston** takes a nice refreshing drink from a water fountain in the journalism hall. Elliston's most embarrassing moment happened when the drinking fountain water completely drenched her whole outfit.

Photo by Josh Anderson



Watch it. Freshman **Jordan Rabon** recalls the day he once fell up the stairs by the big gym during passing period. **Rabon** reenacted his embarrassing day of gravity defiance.

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Sophomoric *Sweet 16s*

For sophomore **Bekah Garrison's** 16th birthday on Jan. 26, she was given money to go shopping in Chicago. Garrison traveled with some of her family and friend sophomore **Christine Jansen**.

Garrison and Jansen made sure they got first picks of the spring lines while shopping for swim suits.

They stayed in Chicago

the weekend of her birthday, at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel, right next to the John Hancock Building.

The friends expected to get a taste of the culture, but didn't expect it to happen after leaving. Garrison and Jansen were chatting about taxi drivers when an older man with a long braided beard and afro stopped just inches away from Jansen's

face and shouted a phrase of expletives before walking away. Jansen was convinced that he wanted to kill her.

Right before leaving Chicago, the friends visited Navy Pier, where they seduced a cute store owner into lowering the price of a souvenir. "It was a blast, I couldn't have asked for a better time," Garrison said.

Sophomore **Natalie Krekel** celebrated her 16th birthday by throwing a joint party with sophomore **Erin Woolwine**.

The friends sat around Krekel's outside fireplace, or

hung out in the basement eating chips, cream puffs, and taquitos. "Some of the boys got carried away with the fire. They made it so big that they set part of the fireplace on fire," Krekel said.

"After the party Erin and I stayed the night at her house and opened our gifts. Each of us got about \$300 in gift certificates," Krekel said..

Sophomore **Carolyn Bartlett** got a lot of extra attention at school on her 16th birthday. "My friends put up posters on my locker and around the school

announcing my birthday. In show choir, everyone sang happy birthday to me, too." Bartlett also got some more freedom for one of her birthday presents: "I got my license, but I have to share the jeep with my brother."

Bartlett's favorite gift was her cell phone. "I asked my parents once and they kinda blew it off, and then on my birthday I opened a present, and then I was surprised to open a box with a number taped on it, and then I figured it out, it was my own cell phone."

Roland Harris

What was your best birthday?

"A good friend took me to the old Farley's (arcade center) and Famous Dave's, and then took me to get an airbrushed t-shirt of his name."

Melody Douglas,
sophomore

"Probably my 11th birthday was my favorite, because I got my first stereo".

Jaala Johnson,
sophomore

"My ninth birthday because my mom let me invite most of my grade and we played basketball, threw around a football, and went to the movies."

John Gerlitz,
sophomore

My second birthday, I had a clown come to my party."

Mandy McClure,
sophomore

"Last year when I turned 15, my whole family came to Iowa. Every girl's 15th birthday is a big Mexican celebration."

Mirella Cruz,
sophomore

"My seventh birthday I went to Camp Snoopy because

my birthday is over spring break."

Emily Burney,
sophomore

"My 16th because I got my license and was finally able to drive without my parents telling me what I was doing wrong."

Christa Sesker,
sophomore

"On my fourth birthday, my family took me to Farley's

and won tons of stuff for me."

Jenni Young,
sophomore

"My sixth birthday. I was on a houseboat with my family, and when I came back home, I had a skating party with my friends."

Katie Hamilton,
sophomore



Jamilia Bell
Natasha Bell
Andrew Berk
Indira Blazevic
Adam Bliss
Bianca Bogardus
Latesha Bolden
Lasara Boles

Gerald Bonner
Nicholas Bonnett
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Clare Bridgford

Kelindre Briggs
Chelsea Brightman
Alexander Broadus
Benjamin Brown
Christina Brown
Lisa Brown
Matthew Brown
Michael Brown

Tamarrah Brown
William Brown
Ashley Bruce
Donald Brush
James Buckley
Jonathan Burkett
Emily Burney
Amy Burress



Randee Talyor and **Brittney Jewett** laugh as they open gifts at their joint party. Randee received tons of balloons from her dad, boyfriend, and freshman **Tori Sellers**.

Erin Woolwine and **Natalie Krekel** stand before their cake as their guests sing them happy birthday.



Some person signs **Randee Taylor's** and **Brittney Jewett's** sweet sixteen birthday banners. Taylor and Jewett's joint 16th birthday party was held on

Ellen Butler
Peter Cade
Tiffany Calaway
Tristan Camp
Emanuel Campbell
Lee Carr
Alisha Cavanagh
Brenna Cawthorn



Benjamin Caylor
Tamera Chandler
Ronald Cheatem
Mark Child
Dennis Christensen
Jessyka Clark
Lakecia Clark
Jared Claude



Bradley Claytor
Shayla Clement
Thomas Clough
Heather Cole
Scott Collings
Nathan Collins
Kathryn Conlow
Derek Connelly



Meredith Cooney
Casandra Cortez
Felicia Cortez
Joshua Coughlon
Brandon Courter
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Alex Covill
Eric Crandell



Alecia Crawford
Frederick Crawford
Caitlin Crispin
Steven Cullen
David Curry
Dion Curry
Cassandra Davis
Sean Davison



Christina Demuth
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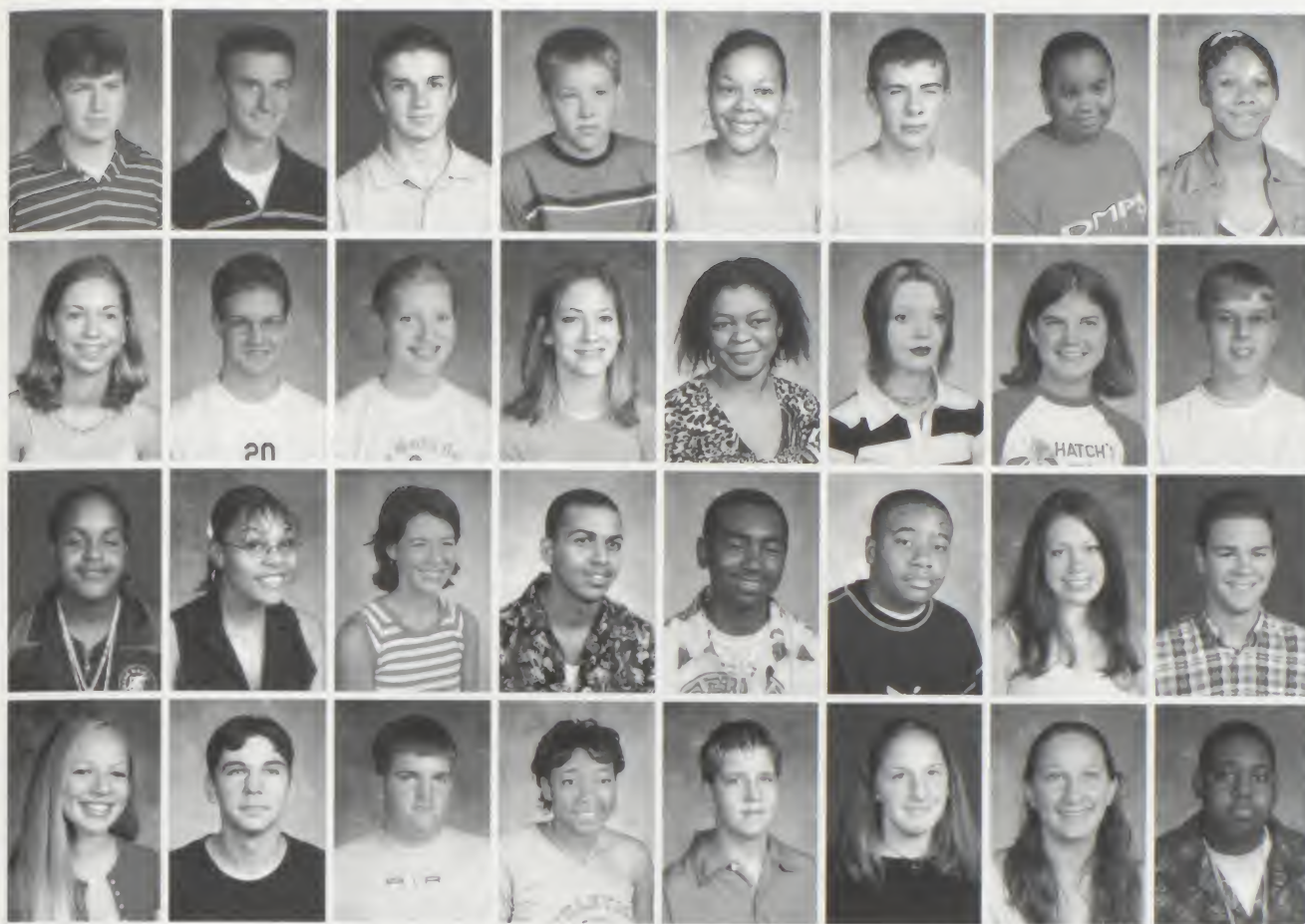


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Ann Feldman
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Lisa Fitzpatrick
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Julia Garrison
Lakeita Garrison

Rebekah Garrison
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Nada Gism-Elsied
Jamie Gordon
Lucy Grask
Nicolas Gray

Jacob Greene
Jamica Greene
Sarah Gutgsell
Mugtar Habib
Mohamed Hagi
Antonio Hall
Kathryn Hamilton
Frank Hansman

Mary Harding
Brandon Harney
Terry Haus
Patrice Hawkins
Joshua Hayes
Kaile Haynes
Sarah Helt
Adrian Henderson

behold today's *technology*

The buzz of technology grew more each week. The use of cell phones, mp3 players, minidisc players, and palm pilots spread like wildfire. But what of the necessity of these electronic gadgets?

Cell phones, the most common technological unit to grace the hallways, served

functional use for practically everyone.

One of the most common reasons students purchased a cell phone was to keep in touch with their parents. "I got my phone last year for my birthday because my mom wanted to be able to get a hold of me when I was at swimming

practice until 5 and to check up on me," sophomore **Bianca Lucht** said. Lucht's phone also served as a sort of electronic organizer for her. "I have all of my friends' numbers in it because they don't call me at home anymore," said Lucht.

With the freedom of having your own cell phone also came responsibilities. There was the hassle of keeping it charged and managing your minutes wisely, which was a sore subject for many students. One sophomore

who had trouble was **Alex Welsh**. "I use my phone so much that I always go over my minutes," Welsh said.

For some students cell phones were a source of pride and comfort. "I always have it with me and I notice when it's not there," sophomore **Dan Sherman** said.

The embarrassment of having a student's phone ring during class was a common occurrence in many classrooms. One faculty member commented on the

negative aspect of this communication wave in favor of the school policy. "I think that cell phones are an unnecessary distraction in school," Spanish teacher **Marilyn Miller** said.

Five years ago cell phones were an uncommon sight in the hallways but the future brought the promise for more technology.

Sarah Hunter

Q and A *Sophomore Jordan Jepson was technology savy with up and coming electronics.*

Q: What different kinds of technology do you use?

A: I have a mini-disc player that I got at the beginning of February.

Q: Why did you get a mini disc player?

A: I got it so I can listen to music after I finish finals and have nothing to do until the next one.

Q: How useful has this technology been for you?

A: I have found that its compact size is one of its most useful features. I am have also been able to listen to music easliy when I want to.



Minimize boredom. Sophomore Jordan Jepson listens to music while waiting for a ride after school. Jepson found the player's small size inverse to its huge sound capacity.

Photo by Sarah Hunter



Don't talk back. Sophomore Melody Douglas's cell phone was originally intended to give her parents peace of mind knowing that they could get a hold of her. Douglas had had a cell phone since sixth grade and although she wasn't responsible for paying the bill, going \$200 over her minutes taught her a lesson to manage her calls better.

Photo by Sarah Hunter

accidents strand *new drivers*

Even if sophomores passed drivers ed their driving was still shaky. Most of the new driver's first accidents were minor fender benders, but some students ended up totaling their first cars.

Target bound sophomore **Jenni Young** was putting down her sun visor so she wouldn't be blinded by the sun, but she didn't see that traffic had stopped. She slammed on her brakes as she crashed into the car ahead

of her. This caused each car to smash into the one in front of it. Of the four cars hit none were damaged and no one was injured.

Sophomore **Tegan Isleman** totaled her car when a van blocked her sight and a speeding car hit her. "I totaled the car, but my parents were just glad that I was okay," Isleman said.

Even when parked, student's cars were still in danger. Sophomore **Paige Duncan's** Volvo was hit

while it was parked on the street. Duncan thought the damage wasn't bad. However, "the estimate was a lot higher than I thought, since we had to order parts because it's a foreign car," she said.

Sophomore **Nick Frey** took a turn down Waterbury Road too fast, and slammed his BMW 325i into a telephone pole.

Whether they were speeding, not paying attention, or just lacked experience, new drivers had trouble controlling their first cars.

Dana Bartolomei

What does that say? After returning from lunch sophomore **C.J. Osterhoudt** puts a bumper sticker on his car. Bumper stickers can sometimes be distracting and caused many accidents this year.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



Q and A

Sophomore **Bridget Fagan** was accident prone.

Q: When did you get your license?

A: I got my license in August, but I had my school permit for the last three months of freshman year.

Q: How many accidents did you have?

A: I have had two accidents in the past six months.

Q: What happened in your first accident?

A: I was driving my 1990 Dodge Dynasty and as I was going through a green light, a lady turning left ran into the front of my car.

Q: What happened in

your second accident?

A: I was driving my 1994 Saturn and it was a really icy day and a huge truck ran into the back of me on the corner of 42nd and Crocker.

Q: How badly damaged were the cars?

A: Both of the cars were totaled.

Q: What do your parents

think?

A: My parents think that I am a bad driver, even though the accidents weren't my fault, and they think that I have bad luck so they won't let me drive their cars.

Q: Do you have a new car now?

A: Well, I am going to get a new car but my parents

and I are still waiting for the insurance money to come back.

Q: How do you friends feel about riding with you?

A: They make fun of me... but they will still ride in the car with me.

Bridget Hill
Justin Hill
Jacqueline Hilmes
Ferd Hodzic
Markisha Holland
Aldijana Hotic
Latosha Hudson
Mohamed Humad

Stacey Hunnell
Abdelhafiz Ibrahim
Nermin Imsirovic
Tegan Isleman
Talbray Jackson
Vincent Jackson, Jr.
Christine Jansen
Dominique Jenkins

Jordan Jepson
William Jewett
Brittnay Jewett-Slaughte
Jaala Johnson
Latoyes Johnson
William Johnson
Chelsea Jones
Troy Jones II

Jamal Jones
Mallory Jones
Michael Jones
Tanisha Jones
Jeremy Juall
Maya Katzir
Liesel Kayser
Mirsad Kazic



Hope to fit. Because she can't find a spot to pull into, sophomore **Margo Tomka** is forced to parallel park. Unexperience parallel parkers often dented cars on either side of them.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei

Gonna be late. While walking in from lunch, sophomore **Abbie Ginther** realizes that she forgot her books in the trunk of her friend's car, and has to go back and get them. Having a problem with a car was a common excuse used for being late to class.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



Player.

Because he was late to school in the morning, sophomore Howell Dixon had to park beyond the no parking sign on Chamberlin. Afraid of getting a ticket Dixon went out to his car during his third period class and moved his Dodge Neon.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



- Caleb Kebede
- Rebecca Kehm
- Alaina Kemp
- Keiana Kennedy
- Kristen Kennedy
- Frank Kouri
- Jay Kozel
- Emily Kreamer
- Natalie Krekel
- Alexander Larsen
- Aaron Lauda
- Denise Ledesma
- Anne Lewis
- Alexandra Lifka-Reselman
- Jeffrey Loeb
- Grant Logan
- Lovell Logan
- Ryan Lomen
- David Long
- Janicka Love
- Ricardo Lozano
- Bianca Lucht
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- Megan Mc Afee
- Katherine Mc Bride
- Amanda Mc Callister
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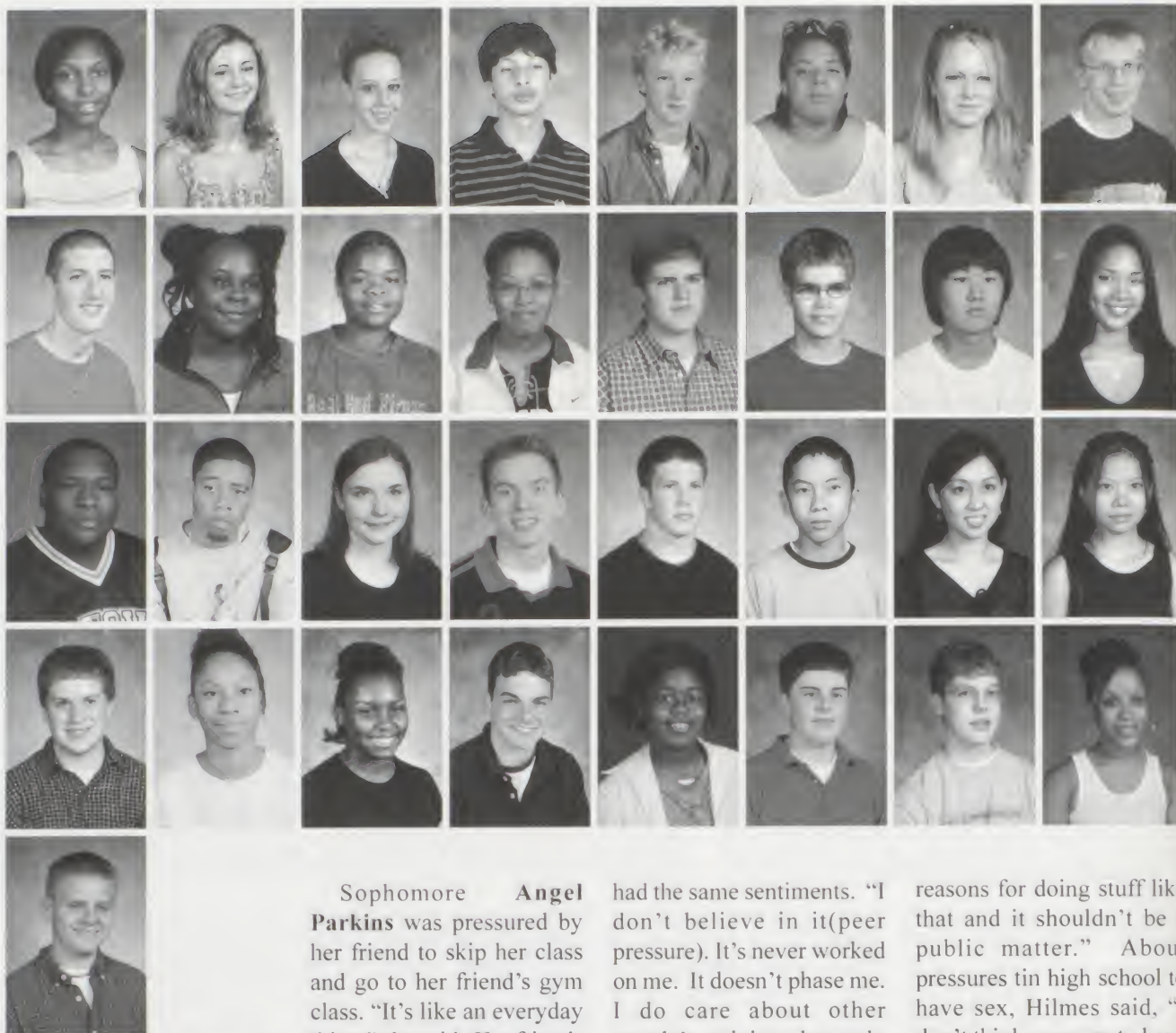
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Daniel Moklestad
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Ashly Moore

Larry Moore
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Alyssa Mowitz
Andrei Murphy
Neil Neumann
Dinh Nguyen
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Tram Ahn Nguyen

Benjamin Nichols
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Benjamin Norris
Ashley O'Daye
Ian Odonnell
Christopher Ogle
Amber Olson

Carl Osterhoudt



Students *under pressure*

In high school, peer pressure was blamed for causing bad behavior by teenagers. Students had differing opinions on the prevalence of peer pressure affecting the decisions they made. "To me peer pressure is like getting up everyday, there is no way to avoid it," said sophomore **Katie Hamilton**. Sophomore **Blazer Smith** disagreed.

Trash found!

Although students were not allowed to smoke on school grounds, this pack was evidence that smoking did take place. This pack was obviously not **Brenna Cawthorn's**. Her take: "Smoking is like licking someone's butt, it's just gross. I would never do it."

Photo by
Elizabeth Crispin



"I've never had to deal with peer pressure because I don't put myself in that kind of situation." Sophomore **T.J. Fort** had the same stance, "I do what I want, when I want, where I want, peer pressure is for idiots."

Friends relied on each other for advice. Students revealed whether they felt pressure from peers to experiment.

Sophomore **Angel Parkins** was pressured by her friend to skip her class and go to her friend's gym class. "It's like an everyday thing," she said. Her friends also pressured her to smoke pot, but she declined every time. Her friend told her, "If you don't want to do it, don't do it, but you're missing out." Parkins stuck by her decision.

Sophomore **Gretta Sullivan** said, "I've never felt pressured, I just say no if I don't want to do it." Sophomore **Jackie Hilmes**

had the same sentiments. "I don't believe in it (peer pressure). It's never worked on me. It doesn't phase me. I do care about other people's opinions but only on positive matters." Hilmes saw the effects that peer pressure had on her friends. "I know it's happened to other people." When asked what she thought about drug and alcohol use by high school students, Hilmes said, "I think it's entirely up to them. If they want to they can. It's their life and their body. People have their

reasons for doing stuff like that and it shouldn't be a public matter." About pressures in high school to have sex, Hilmes said, "I don't think pressure to have sex is here today. Teenagers are more individualistic and make their decision on what they really want."

Elizabeth Crispin

Q and A

Sophomore **Lakesha Jackson** shared her views.

Q: How do you respond to peer pressure?

A: I just don't do it. If I feel that something is wrong I won't do it.

Q: What do you think about drug use by teenagers?

A: I think it's outrageous.

There's too many teens doing drugs. My cousin was 15 and she died from drug use.

Q: Why do you think teenagers succumb to pressure from peers?

A: To make themselves look cool in front of others.

Q: Is it harder being an underclassmen and saying no?

A: No, not to me. Not

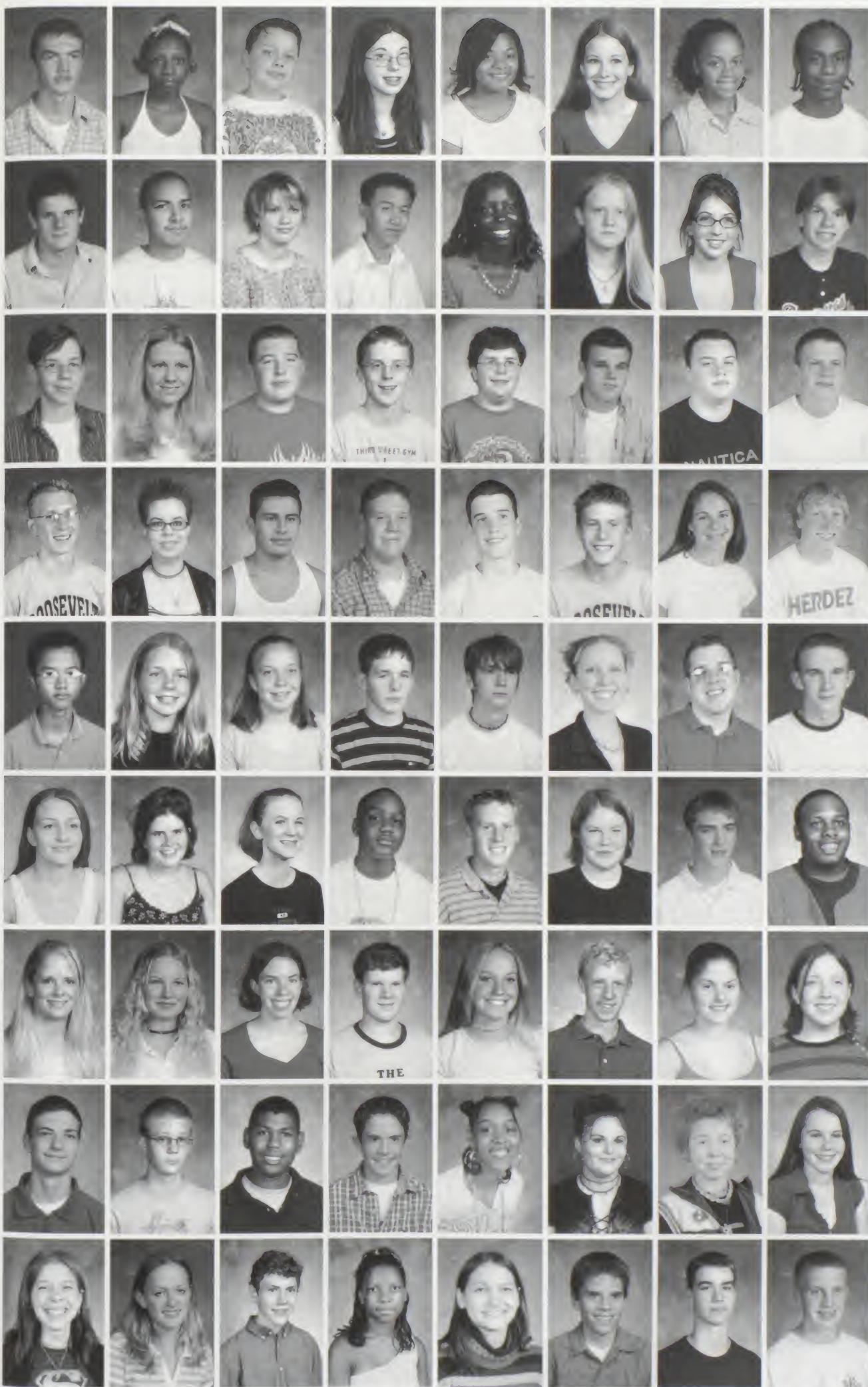
really.

Q: What have you been pressured to do?

A: My cousin pressured me to do drugs.

Q: When were you first exposed to peer pressure and how did you respond?

A: I was scared she would even ask me to take drugs.



Merim Pajic
Glenna Palimore
Jimmy Palmer
Katherine Palmer
Keshia Palmer
Sarah Pargulski
Nicole Parkey
Dontrez Parrish

Jason Parry
David Perez
Rafaela Pfister
Tuan Phan
Ajak Philip
Jacquelyn Phillips-Connet
Afton Polk
Christopher Powell

Peter Purcell
Laurel Purdy
Kyle Randolph
Teague Ribbey
Clifford Rice-Krause
John Richman
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Louis Richter

Nathan Riggle
Patricia Riley
Francisco Rivas
Antonio Rivera
Britin Robinson
Tyler Rokey
Elizabeth Rosenblatt
William Samples

Andrew San
Kendra Schaaf
Elise Schiltz
Michael Schmidt
Soloman-Ga Schoenthal-Cond
Anna Schossow
Benjamin Schupp
Matthew Scott

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Rachel Selden
Christa Sesker
Edward Shannon
Matthew Shepard
Martha Shepek
Daniel Sherman
Patrick Shivers

Amanda Short
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Caitlin Sims
Christopher Smith
Kelsey Smith
Paul Soener
Lauren Sommers
Bethany Sorensen

Damon Spartan
William Spencer, Jr.
John Spinks
Brandon Sprenger
Kennedy Spriggs-Jones
Kimberly Stratton
Cherie Straw
Greta Sullivan

Emily Svec
Paige Sweet
Andrew Tatge
Randee Taylor
Lydia Thies
Jonathan Thomas
Nathaniel Thomas
Andrew Thompson



Second year, *first time*

Turning sixteen changed everything from dating to driving, and although there might have been a few dates in past years, sophomore year often brought the first kiss.

Sophomore **Lakesha Kennerly** got kissed for the first time after she had been going out with an older boyfriend for three weeks. He was her third boyfriend.

They were sitting on the couch after watching a

movie when he said, "We haven't kissed yet."

"You haven't kissed me yet," Kennerly retorted, and so they did.

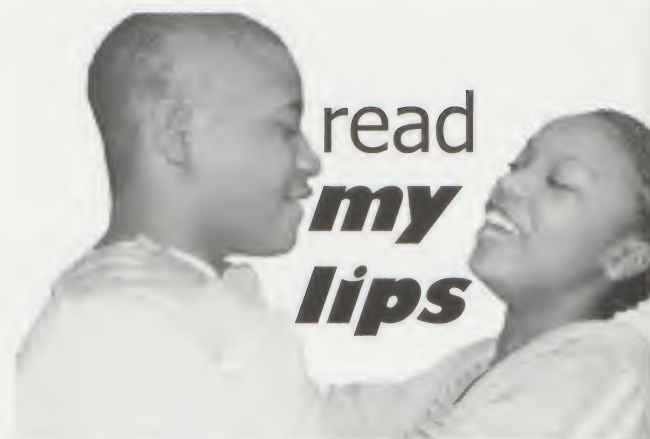
"You kiss like a punk," he said when they were done, "but that's all right: You're a rookie."

Kennerly practiced a lot and got better, but broke up with her boyfriend because he became "rude, and didn't respect me," she said. They're still friends.

Alison McDaniel

described her date with an older guy when they went to Brown Sugar at Silver Cinema. There was a fight at the entrance and they both ran in, but her date ran ahead of her and she said, "You don't leave someone behind like that." Overall the date was "bogus," she said. They left in separate cars and haven't gone out since.

Paul Asjes



read *my lips*

Valerie Edwards and Antonio Hall photo by Ameria Adair

Answers:

Hillary Jewel

Ed Shannon

Brittany Jewett

James Miller

Ales Brodus

Chris Mc Coy

Alecia Crawford

Ryan Lowman

Julia Garrison

Frank Lowery

Compare your first kiss to a type of food.

"It was like chocolate, sweet and long lasting."

Ebone' Bell,
sophomore

"I would compare it to pop rocks, because of the whole exploding thing."

Sarah Boyce,
sophomore

"It was like a sloppy joe, wet and messy."

Ben Nichols,
sophomore

"Ribs, because it definitely needed a cleanup."

Alex Welsh,
sophomore

"Something boring like bread and butter."

Sarah Gutsell,
sophomore

"Liver & Onions - It was nasty."

Brandon Sprenger,
sophomore

"It was like speghetti, long and soft."

Tonya Morris,
sophomore

"Onions, because they make me cry."

Andrew San,
sophomore

"It was like a sour pucker. I shure got a kick out of it."

Anna Schossow,
sophomore

"It was random, so to me it was like a fortune cookie."

Kimmie Stratton,
sophomore

"It was like a honeybun, it was sweet and soft."

Shannon Walker,
sophomore

"It was too sweet, like sugar."

John Spinhrs,
sophomore

"It was just like strawberries: sweet, lucious, and jucy."

Amber Olson,
sophomore

"Hershey's, because he melted in my mouth."

Lakeita GaGarrison,
sophomore

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Brandon Tjaden
Jerad Tjaden
Margo Tomka
Hieu Tran
Ngan Tran
Steven Troge
Kiel Uhl

Kory Uhl
Emily Varn
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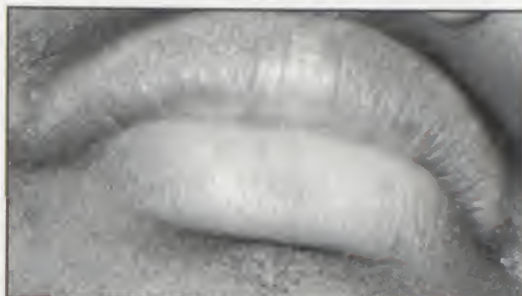
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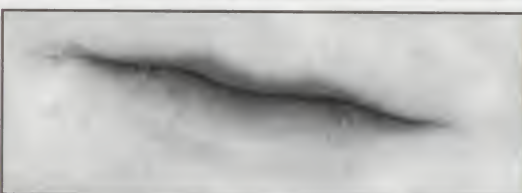
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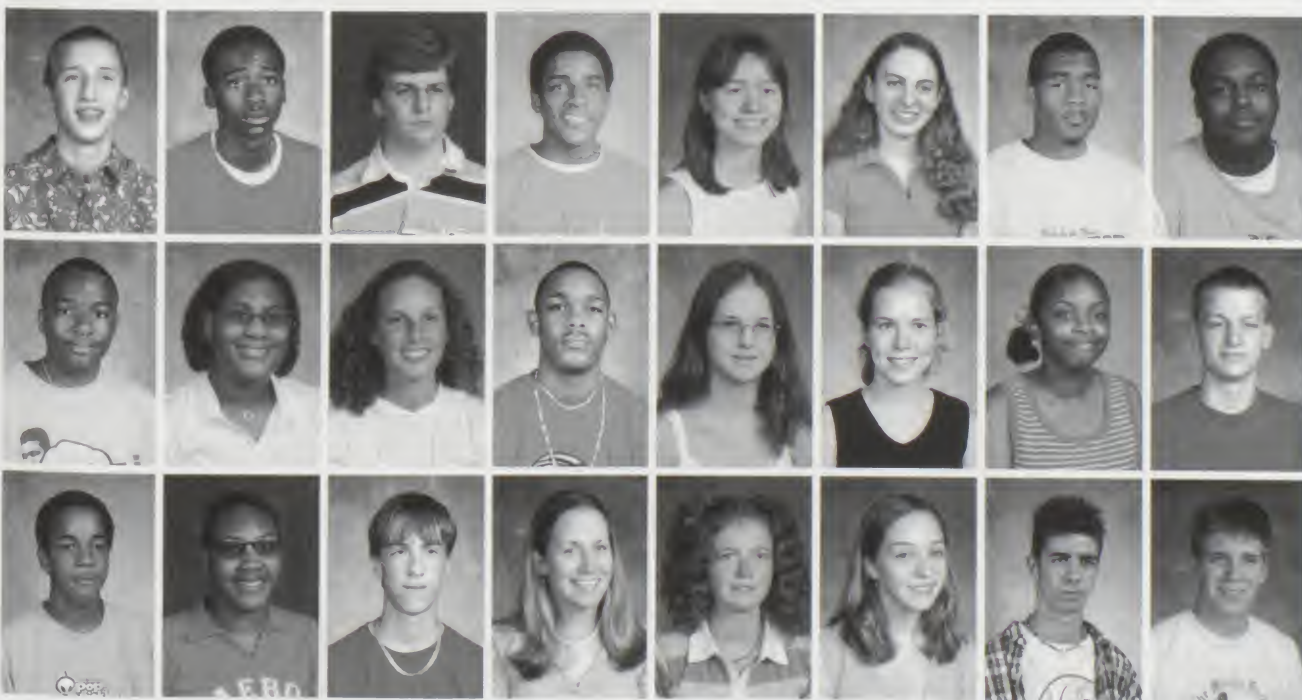
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 Jennifer Young
 Patrick Younk
 Patrick Zisko

juniors follow *in foot steps*

Walking through the halls it was easy to find plenty of people to look up to in more ways than just height. Numerous juniors found peers and teachers alike to learn from. Junior **Emili Johnson** found her role model in one of the hardest working members of the student body. Johnson

looked to student body president senior **Jessica Wilson** for advice throughout the year. Johnson most admired that "She doesn't procrastinate. If she sees something that's good for the school, she'll go for it." Johnson said the best advice Wilson gave her was encouraging her to run

for office. "She told me if I wanted to run for office next year to just do it and have fun with it."

Some students found their role model closer to home. **Jonathan Devan** admired his older sister, a roosevelt graduate, because of her strength and perseverance. "My sister was shot and paralyzed, but she didn't give up. She still went to college and she got her degree. She's been through a lot, but she never gives up."

Some students couldn't

pick just one person to look up to. **George Raife** found role models in band teacher **Joe Rich** and Psych/AP Government instructor **David Mahler**. What did George admire about the two? "They're cool guys...and they know what they're doing." He said, "...They're taking on a great responsibility teaching high school students and we know how much of a hassle that can be." The best advice Rich gave Raife was: "if you have a problem, keep practicing and keep working

it out." A fact that may have influenced Raife's admiration towards Mahler could have been that, "Mahler lets me raid his refrigerator."

Other students found their role model on the athletic field. Junior **Erin Barnes** hailed her role model, senior **Richelle Banks**, as a sprinting superstar. Why did Barnes look up to her teammate? "She has faith in everything that I do on the track. She always tells me to keep on running and that I can do it."

Courtney Petty

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

"It's not just about winning or losing, it's about striving to become the best you can be."

Dontrez Parrish,
junior

"Believe in yourself and keep your head high."

Samantha Garland,
junior

"If they call back, tell them we're having problems with the phone."
(main office service worker)

Brian Smith,
junior

"Live life to it's fullest; you only live once."

Katie McGuire,
junior

"Go out there and don't be afraid to be what you want to be."

Jenny Mosher,
junior

"Get a good education and do something with your life."

Miguel Plascencia,
junior

"Whatever I choose to do in the future make sure that I'm good at it, and I'm happy."

AnneLingwall,
junior

"Winners always want the ball when the games on the line."

Stephen Batcher,
junior

"Apples and peaches don't grow on trees like money does."

Adam Grady,
junior

"...When I feel like giving up, keep my head up and stay strong. The outcome will be better and there will be a brighter day."

Ashley Wright
junior

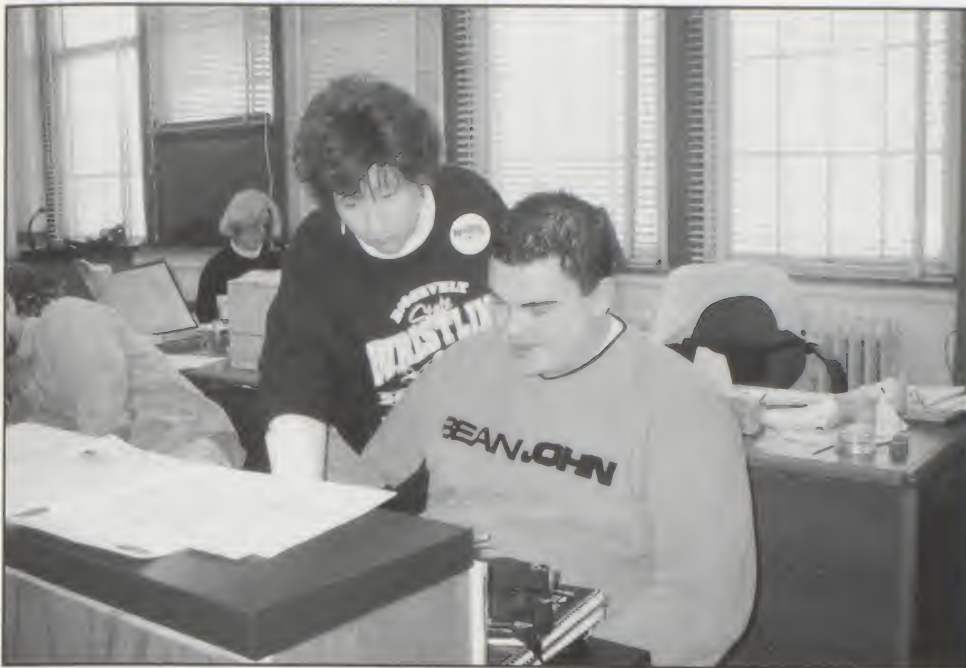
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Erin Barnes

Abigail Bartine
Dana Bartolomei
Myra Bassman
Stephen Batcher
Stephanie Beaman
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Kevin Beckley
Richard Bennett

Antonio Berber
Jodi Birkey
Andrew Boe
Margaret Bolin
Oliver Borzo
Peter Boscaljon
Esad Bosnic
Kevin Bramwell





Dial Nine! Junior **Brian Smith** listens intently as school service advisor **Denise Rourke** instructs him on phone useage. As always, Rourke gave great advice.
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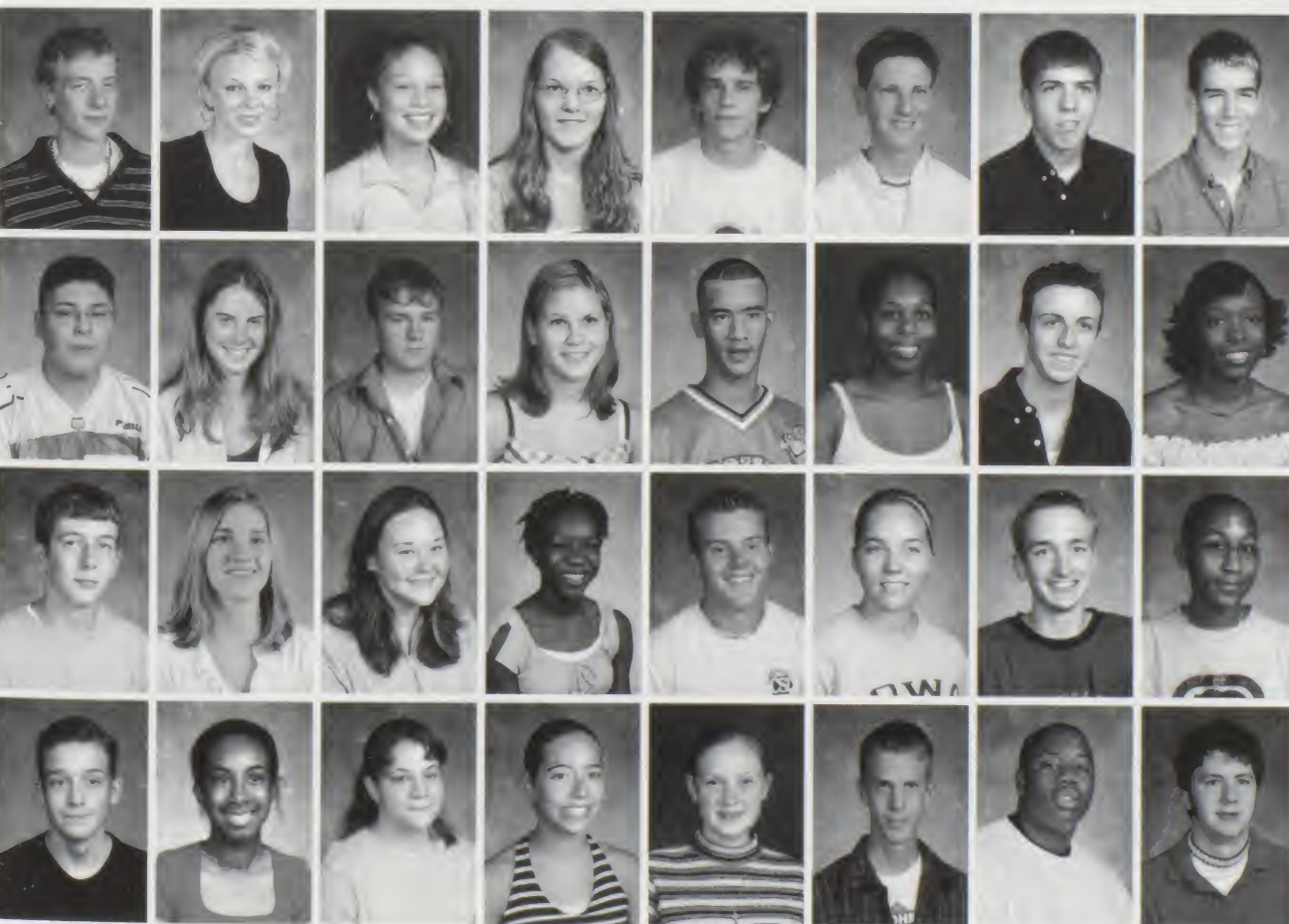


Feelin' the Physics. Junior **Liza Sharp** admires Physics teacher **Mike Blair**. His best piece of advice to her: "Never let anyone hold you down."
Photo by Laura Smith

Getting Personal with the Prez. Junior **Emili Johnson** consults her role model, senior **Jessica Wilson** in the counseling center. Whenever Johnson needed help, Wilson was always there.
Photo by Courtney Petty



From the Cello to the Guitar. Junior **Katie Weitenhagen** looks up to cello master Senior **Ryan Child** not only because of height but for his many inspiring accomplishments.
Photo by Bradley Pitt



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Nehemiah Burian
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Joel Burnham
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Eric Carr
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Megan Coppola
Suzanne Cownie
Lisa Cox
Nathan Cox
Solomon Currie
Benjamin Dahlberg

Working at the mall

pros and cons

When it came to earning money, part time jobs were usually the first solution. The mall was the primary social hot spot to students. Discounts on hot items and extra spending money both attracted many teens to Merle Hay and Valley West malls for job opportunities.

The first step in receiving employee discounts was the request for an application. Before anyone got a job, the search for customer service began. For junior **Kahara Hunafa**, what started as a group activity ended in solitude. "I asked my best friend to put in an application at Claires with me because I didn't want to go alone. Big mistake! She ended up with the job and I was stuck at home still

unemployed."

On the down side, the mall got awfully hectic when December rolled around. Holidays brought in more money than any other time during the year. "The store was a mess, we were understaffed, and it seemed as if people were never going to stop coming in," junior **Sarah Varn** recalled.

The mall may have been the social hot spot of the city, but the headaches that appeared after orientation weren't soon forgotten.

Natalie Lawrence



The Price is right. During the quest for a job, junior **David Mason** takes a break to examine some merchandise. Before asking for an application, he decided to check what his employee discount would go towards, and how much it would be.

What was the biggest mistake a sales associate made during a purchase?

"At the Buckle, the sales person stalked me, which was very annoying. She was very pushy, so in turn, I didn't feel like buying anything."

Katie Milobar,
junior

"It was the Christmas season, and I had stood in line for what seemed like hours. When I finally got to the counter, she took all day ringing up my stuff. To add to my frustration, the second I

stepped out of the store, the security sensor, she had left on, set off the alarm."

Dionne Trumbo,
junior

"I was at a store, which will remain nameless, and the salesman gave me change back for \$20 when I only gave him \$10."

Spencer Pierce,
junior

"I was at the Limited shopping for a birthday present and the sales lady confronted me and told me that she didn't think that anything in the store would go with my skin tone. Besides the fact that she was rude and out of line for her

comment, I was the one that was kicked out of the mall for stating my opinion to her after her disrespect."

Erika Bailey,
junior

"I bought three new shirts on sale for \$25, or so I thought. When I got home, I looked through my receipts and noticed that I actually only paid for two of the shirts instead of three. It was a bad mistake for the store, but it felt pretty good to my wallet."

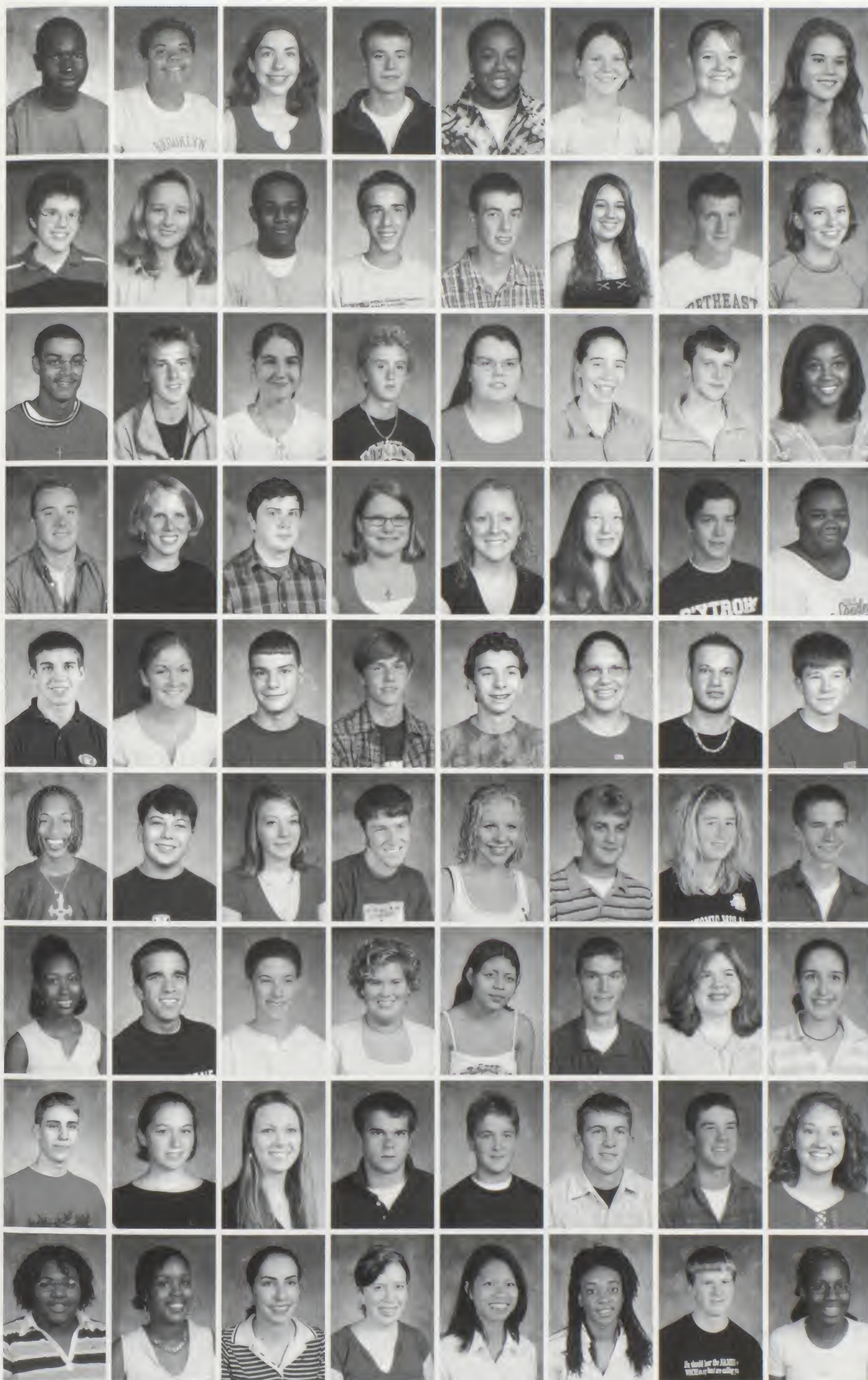
Billy Jewett,
junior

I'm stuffed. Junior **Sarah Varn** fills a teddy bear with cotton to prepare it for display. Teddy bear buffs from all around the metro kept her busy fluffing and stuffing throughout her eight hour shifts. This was only one of many teddies dressed to impress at the new Teddy Bear Factory in Merle Hay Mall.



Price check. Hard at work, junior **Linh Pham** retags and reprocesses a returned item in the juniors department. While swamped during rush hour, she kept her cool at Younkers in Valley West Mall.

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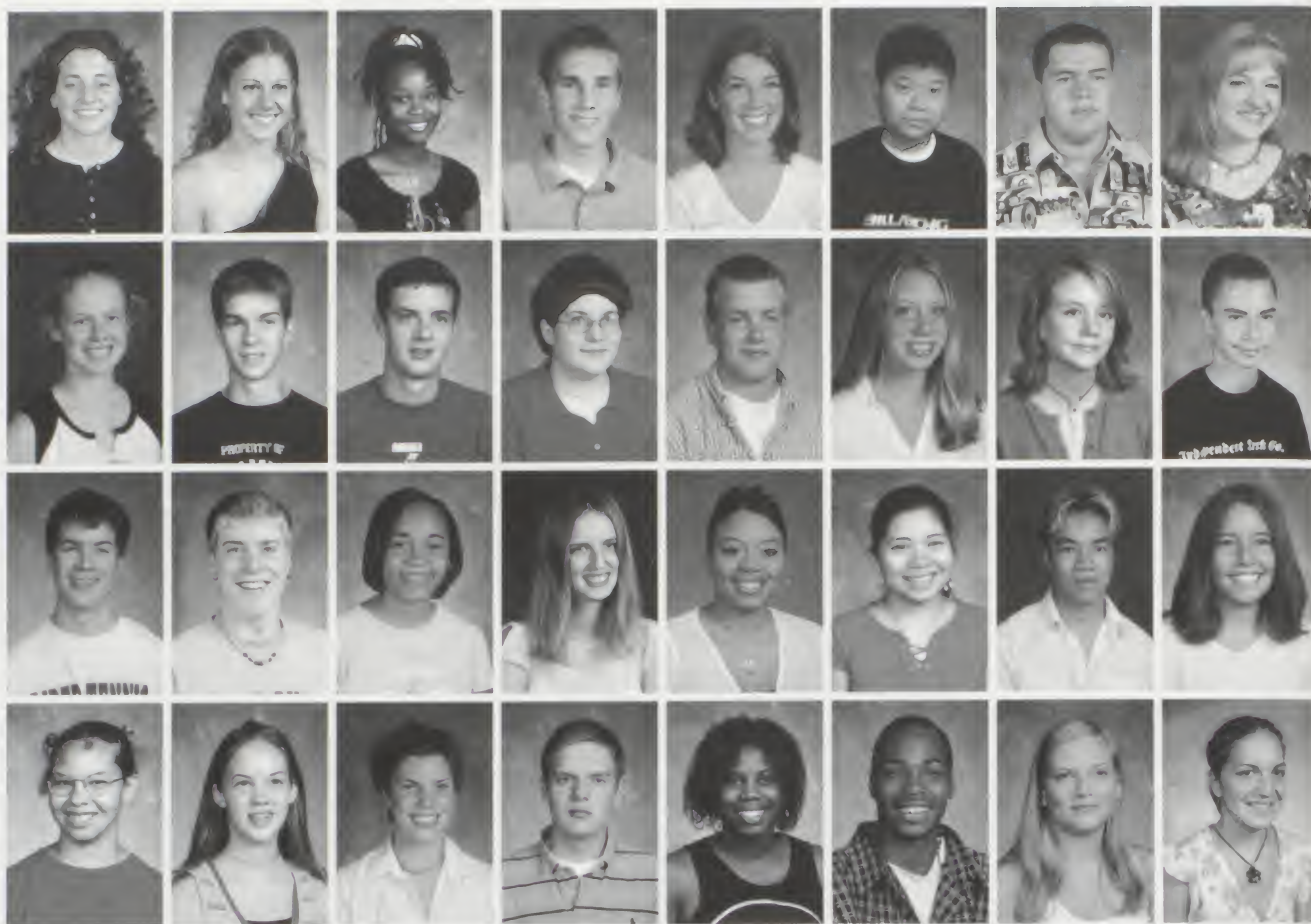
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students log *man hours*

School and homework weren't the only thing that occupied students' time. Many kids were busy putting long hours in at work to earn some extra cash.

Juniors **Dana Ketcher** and **Jessica Wright** put in their time at Stella's Blue Sky

Diner after school and on weekends. The girls worked as waitresses where they took orders, delivered food, and bussed tables. The girls' favorite part about working at Stella's was the easygoing atmosphere and the employees they worked

with. "Stella's is a fun environment to work in," Ketcher said.

But with every job there was a downside. Both girls hated to work at night because they were assigned a specific area to clean where they scrubbed everything from top to bottom.

You couldn't be a waitress without running into those oh-so-embarrassing moments. Milkshakes seemed to be a big problem for the two girls. Ketcher remembered her

experience with a 65 year old lady. It was Ketcher's second day working and the lady had warned her about splashing the shake on her. Sadly Ketcher didn't succeed and ended up upsetting the lady big time, covering her head with a layer of cold, gooey ice cream.

Wright had a similar experience with a little boy on his birthday. She was trying to pour the shake while standing on a chair. The boy laid on the ground

and she ended up spilling the milkshake everywhere. She even managed to splash the little boy in the eye. "That was a day I never want to remember," she said.

Although high school students weren't often given the cream of the job market crop, extra money always came in handy to pay for clothes, a vehicle, and maybe even college.

Lisa Weber

What's your funniest work experience?

"One time at the end of the day I noticed that my fly was down at work and then someone told me that it had been down the entire day."

Nikola Pavlovic,
junior

"The bagels were stuck together and when I tried to pull them apart, one of them flung out of my hand and hit my boss in the head."

Jessyka Clark,
junior

"At the retirement home where I work I slipped on the wet floor and fell in front of everybody."

Tanyana West,
junior

"I was bringing a tray of food out from the kitchen to serve my customers and I dropped the entire tray in front of everyone. It was an embarrassing, huge mess."

Tramaine Winfrey,
junior

"There was some stock behind the counter and I tripped over it and fell backwards right on my arm. The customer that

was standing there just stared at me."

Esence Lloyd,
junior

"I bent over to pick up something and I heard a rip. I stood back up and I realized that my pants had ripped and that my butt was hanging out. I had to run home and change."

Jasmina Pandur,
junior

"I got caught stealing at

my work at HyVee and the manager came up and confronted me in front of everyone about why I stole."

Ken Redd,
junior

"One day I was making a blizzard for this hot guy at Dairy Queen and all of a sudden the ice cream flew all over me while the guy was watching me."

Elizabeth Wallace,
junior



Katherine Lundberg
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Sean Mac Donald
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Bradley MacKie
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Joe Milik
Kathryn Milobar
Tyler Mitchell
Kimberly Montgomery
Brandi Moon
Daniel Morris
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Jennifer Morris



Checking out. Junior Nikola Pavlovic checks out a customer at the counter. Between school and Tae Kwon Do, he put in about 20 hours a week at Sears at Merle Hay Mall. Pavlovic was also involved in a dance team after school where he practiced twice a week on top of all his other activities.

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Lets go kids. Junior Tiffany Jones works at an afterschool program called Metro Kids. "It's a lot of fun because you really get to know and interact with the kids," she said.

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 Nabil Moussaddak
 Amy Muegenberg
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 Jasmine Pearson
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 Timothy Peel
 Jessica Peiffer



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 Linh Pham
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Stressing over *college choices*

Freshman year was the beginning of it all. It was the year that you first started to really hear about college and the many options available after graduation. But that was only the beginning. By the time junior year rolled around, students began making the important choices. Taking the SATs and ACTs, thinking about where to go to school, and

beginning to plan the rest of your life. Junior **Krisy Hung** stressed while thinking about the college choices she had to make. "I felt kinda stupid when it comes to all the college stuff. I didn't even know where to begin."

In late February, junior **Suzie Cownie** went to California to visit schools. She visited Stanford, Santa Clara University, The

University of San Francisco, and Saint Mary's University. At Santa Clara University, Cownie was able to visit classrooms and get more inside information, because her brother was an alumni director for the school.

Many juniors started to plan college visits over spring break. Junior **Megan Bolin** was all over the east coast over spring break, traveling to Connecticut and Massachusetts. Bolin toured Wellesly, Mount Holyoke, Tufts, Wesleyan,

Amherst, and The University of New Hampshire. While visiting the schools, she took walking tours, sat in on classes and talked to students about college life. Bolin was always interested in going to school on the east coast, and decided that if she could put up with Iowa winters, the east coast couldn't be too bad.

Some juniors didn't have as easy of a time preparing for college. Junior **Thom Waters** had trouble with his ACT application.

"I was taking my application to the mailbox when my neighbor's dog took it from me. I had to get my brother's slingshot and shoot it in the mouth! That dog dropped the application so fast."

Although some people were set on what they wanted, and some were still trying to figure everything out, most were ready to move on and head out.

Maggie Dolan

Q and A

George Raife is a junior thinking about his options for college.

Q: What types of colleges are you looking for?

A: "Just state colleges here in Iowa that are cheap, preferably one that offers an ROTC program."

Q: How are you preparing for college?

A: "Trying not to fail my classes and keeping my GPA up somewhere decent. Also, I am going to take the ACT this summer so if I don't do

that that well I can take it in the fall."

Q: How are you or your parents hoping to pay for college?

A: "I am hoping that neither one of us has to pay for it. Hopefully I will get an ROTC scholarship so the government has to."

Q: Have you been on any college visits year or are you planning to?

A: Not yet, but I plan to go on some this summer, like UNI and Iowa.



Checkin' it out. Junior **Katie Milobar** gets a jump start on her college visits by using part of her winter break to tour Coe College in Cedar Rapids. Milobar graduated early and decided to attend The University of Iowa in the fall.

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Aida Sofic

that smell again... *could it be?*

A common reason for student tardiness during school was locker locale. Many of us ended up throwing our stuff into friend's lockers to avoid making long trips to faraway lockers. "There's only one book in my locker, my American history book. I use

the locker every day after fourth period. Otherwise my books are in three other lockers," junior **Talbray Jackson** said.

It was a difficult task to keep everything organized in lockers that barely housed any space for school supplies in the first place. Sharing a locker with

another person made that task even harder. Some juniors were lucky and somehow got their own locker while others dreamed of empty space to place something besides text books. Others chose to abstain from using their locker. "I have never used a locker since my freshman year. I always use my car," junior **Sam Wickard** said.

Junior **Miriam Chisala** had a unique problem with her locker. Besides her school locker looking like a mess, her year-round gym

locker looked more like a closet just hit by a tornado than a locker. Chisala shared the space with sophomore **Millie Bell**. There were so many clothes in the locker that every piece fell out each time the locker was opened. To make matters worse, many of Chisala and Bell's friends stored their clothes in there too. "From all the dirty clothes in there I don't even know what it smells like. If I were to guess, I would say it smells like corn chips and onions," Chisala said.

Juniors **Allison Tate** and **Kate Spitler** were best friends and shared their locker. Every year they put

up pictures of their friends, and tried to keep it somewhat neat. Students often stopped by to look at the pictures. Visitors could also find a few books, a can of hairspray, a photo album, some old *Round-Ups*, pop bottles and a Hawaiian lei left over from homecoming's spirit week. Tate and Spitler didn't mind sharing their locker. "One time Katie brought lunch and it accidentally spilled. We didn't realize it for a couple of weeks so we didn't clean it up until the end of the year when we had to clean out our locker," Tate said.

Building manager **Jerry**

the strangest thing in my locker is...

"I kept a mug and it grew a whole bunch of mold and stuff inside."

Jake Norman,
junior

"I have a pair of my girlfriend's underwear hanging in my locker."

Zach Foltz,
junior

"In my swim locker the bottom is really rusty and it gets nasty because of the water from the swim suits."

Natalie Scarpino,
junior

"I've had a dead dry worm in my locker before."

Alex Mackey,
junior

"Hmm....I can't tell you!"

Mark Ridnour,
junior

"I kept this picture of this beautiful guy model and all the guys tried to rip it out because they couldn't compare to him."

Dione Trumbo,
junior

"My locker partner and me found this picture of this cow at the begining of the school year and since then its has been in our locker."

Rachel Gulick,
junior



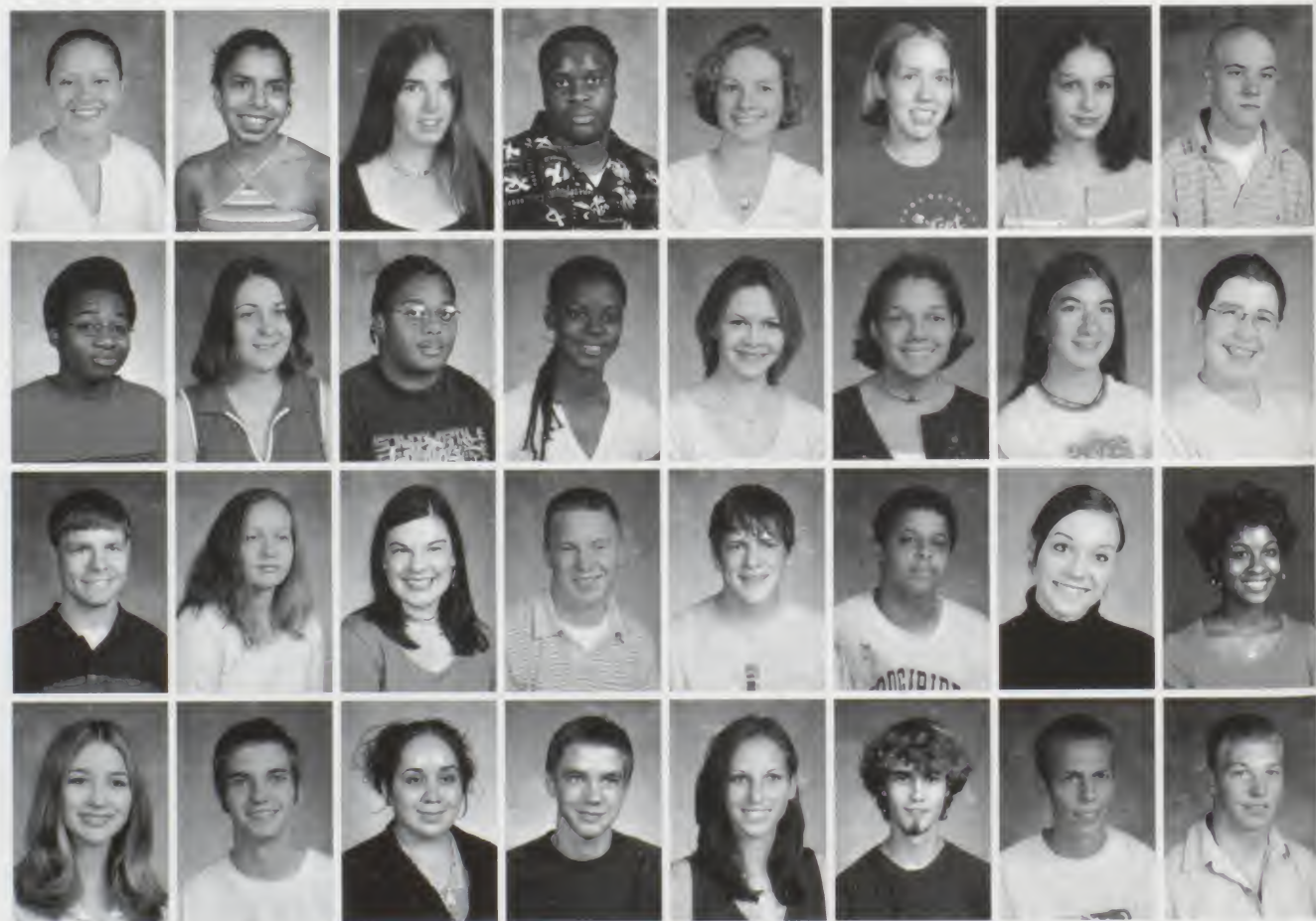
Pick which?
This is how junior Talbray Jackson keeps two of his lockers that he uses daily.

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Danielle Speicher
Cassandra Spence
Gerad Spencer
Jenna Spiering
Kathryn Spitler
Rebecca Spores
Andrew Sprague

Anthony Squire
Courtney St Pierre
Benjamin Stallings
Jacqueline Stewart
Marnie Strate
Rebecca Stubbs
Athena Sutton
Adam Swartz

Todd Szabo
Katarzyna Szeplinska
Allyson Tate
James Thyberg
Jonathan Thyberg
Richard Tindrell
Elena Touns
Dionne Trumbo

Melody Tuttle
Samuel Tuttle
Dora Valdez
Mark Van Dyck
Sarah Varn
Max Villwock
Michael Walker
Matthew Waller



Saathoff had found a lot of nasty stuff in lockers, from decomposed lunch sandwiches to a dead rat. "The rat I believe was set inside the locker, because there's no way it could get in there. It caused a lot of commotion that day though," Saathoff said. He also found a freshman locked into his own locker once. The student claimed he had locked himself in, which was not easily believed. Saathoff also found a lot of small change, clothes, books, pop, calculators, all kind of school supplies, pictures, jewelry and even some cochroaches. During second semester finals, about three of the custodians start cleaning the lockers. The building managers said their biggest wish was that students wouldn't put food in their lockers, because it inevitably always became a feeding ground for fruit flies, and a plethora of interesting smells.

Jasmina Pandur

Come out!
Junior **Adam Grady** is having a hard time trying to pull out books for his next class. Besides books, he kept his coat, some old clothes, his backback and his instrument from orchestra, which all added up to a bulging mess each time he opened his locker.



Money honey!
"By the end of the semester I always have a lot of money 'cause of all the pop bottles," junior **Celeste Burdick** said about all the bottles that were stacked up in her locker. Burdick planned to clean out her locker by the end of the year.



Eewww! Trying to find her other track shoe in her athletic locker, junior **Miriam Chisala** prepares herself for the worst before digging into the pile of clothes.
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- Thomas Waters
- Cassandra Webb
- Suzanne Wedeking
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- Caitlin Wells
- Doug Wells
- Joshua Wells
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- Austin Williamson
- Edward Wilson
- Julia Wilson
- Amber Wines
- Claire Wood
- Hilary Woodhouse
- David Woods
- Antonio Wright
- Ashley Wright
- Jessica Wright
- Aaron Wubben
- Senad Zenkovic



Very interesting. Resource teacher **Sue Jansen** watches as Tech Ed. teacher **Rich Bright** shows the faculty how to make wooden pens. "I appreciated Mr. Bright demonstrating how to use the various shop machines and giving his time and expertise," Jansen said. *Photo by Wanakee Carr*

I will survive. Art teacher **Becky Johnson** participates in a tornado drill- after students had already left the building for the summer. "I was trying to be helpful in completing this emergency faculty tornado drill. Did I look excited?" *Photo by Hannah Garrison*



Dona Adcock
Ron Adcock
Sherise Ahlers
Sara Albright
Laura Amsler
Michael Anderson
Susie Anderson
Marc Ayers

Sue Bach
Bruce Bjurstrom
Michael Blair
Jude Braune
Steve Brown
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Shirley Corkhill
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Felicity Croat
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Patti Cunningham
Sue Davis

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Al Foote
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Laurie Gaippe
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Tom Gruening
Deborah Hill-Davis
Brandon Hope
Susan Jansen

Becky Johnson
Dennis Johnson
Tig Johnson
Bill Kaemmer
Frank Keis
Diane Kent
Valerie Laing
Diana Lemos





So then I said... During lunch, Chemistry teacher **Kate Galligan** and math teacher **Rhonda Reynolds** catch up on neighborhood gossip (they live near each other). Galligan and Reynolds ate lunch together every day and chatted about everything from students to mean neighbors.

Photo by Wanakee Carr
Really? Teachers **John Craig**, **Chip Brundage** and **Brandon Hope** converse as they attend a faculty root beer float meeting held by Dr. Micich. "We engaged in a deep conversation about advancing teacher education," Craig claimed.

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Treg Marcellus
Arenda Maxwell
Ron McHone
Anita Micich
Roger Miller
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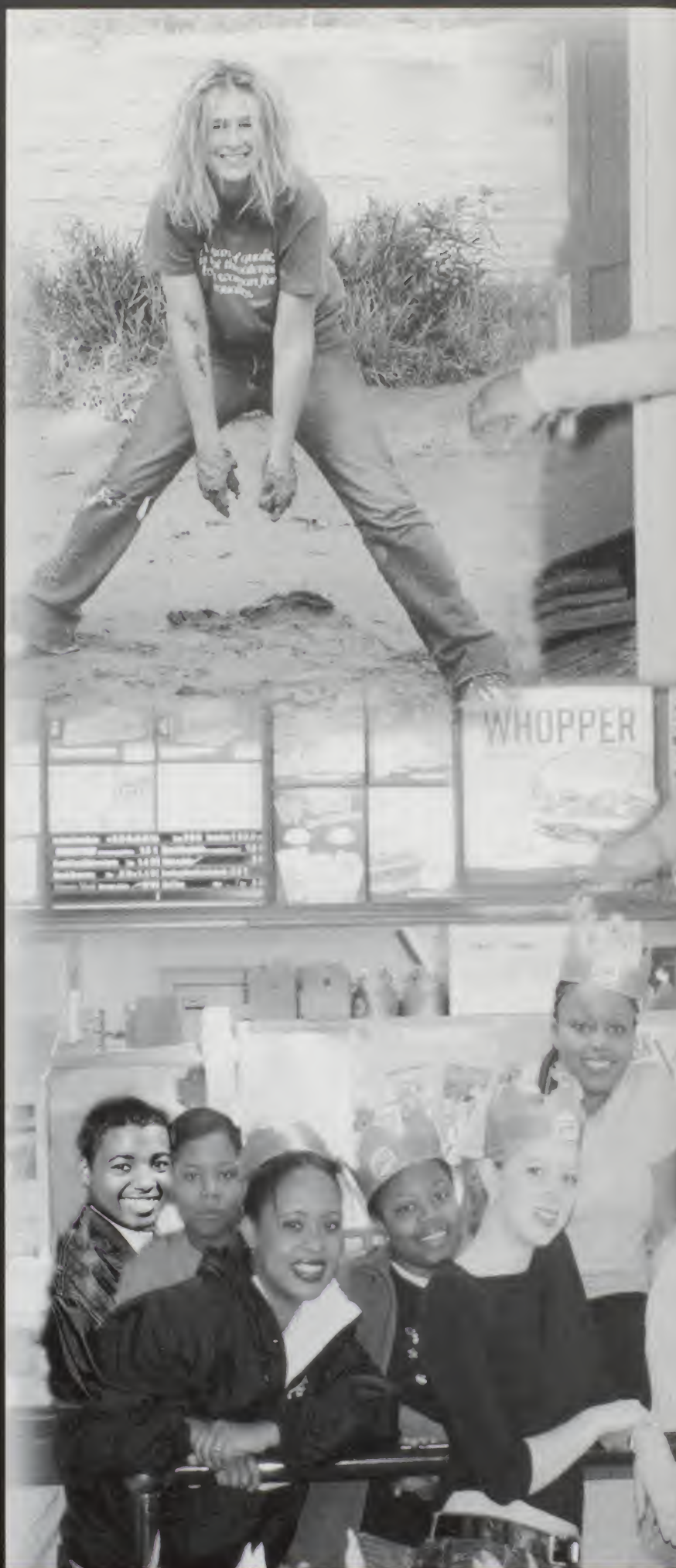
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Have it your way. Posing for the Burger King advertisement, senior members of the yearbook staff patiently wait for junior **Paul Asjes** to take their picture. Asjes shot many poses of the staff, including one in which senior **Elizabeth Emsweller** laid out on the front counter while the rest of the staff posed as burger king employees.

Photo by Paul Asjes

Deep and wide. Senior **Meggie Malm** looks ready for her dance lesson, executing a perfect plie'. Malm's parents were one of many to submit a photo for the baby ad section. Turn to page 168 for more!

Photo courtesy of Robbie and Richard Malm

By the end of our high school career, four years in some ways felt like an eternity, while in others far too short. Seniors coped with the stress of filling out seemingly endless college and scholarship applications, preparing to leave home, and keeping up with often grueling school and work schedules by partying. The senior banquet, prom, graduation and the senior party all helped make the transition to adult life a little easier.

As we looked back on the school year, the organizations that we were a part of became more than just a way to kill time or stay athletic. Bonding was an essential part of our lives, and the people that helped create many of our fondest memories became something we never wanted to forget.

After spending most of our time inside brick walls, spending money and supporting local businesses during lunch and after school became a favorite pastime. "Meet me at Bauder's" and "Wanna get lunch at the Wave?" were phrases everyone understood. Our place in TRHS history was remembered long after our departure, and as the year came to a close, the memories of the past year acted as one of the last keys to our childhood.

a *four-year ride*



Double dipper! During Becky Johnson's seventh period 3D design class, junior **Kera Reilly** contaminates junior **Lezleigh Barnhizer's** clean water jar with her paint-filled brush. The two friends continued their in-class antics as seniors in **Dave Mahler's** A.P. psychology class.

That's my burger. Revelling in his newly acquired off-campus lunch freedom, sophomore **Jason Madison** slams down his lunch as fast as possible before hurrying back to grab a coveted parking spot in one of the lots. Madison's lunch crew usually included sophomores **Steve Clark** and **Brandon Haugh**.



Brown noser. While painting the French club's square for 1999's homecoming week festivities, freshman **Mary Nesbit** gets a little paint lovingly applied to her nose by freshman boyfriend **Erik Granseth**. The two got to know each other better in their French II class, and the courtship lasted the average amount for ninth grade relationships, less than three weeks.



Interior decorator. Sophomore class president **Austin Blank** helps prepare the front hallway for homecoming 2001. Blank went on to work as an intern at TV Channel 5 during junior year, as well as host his own radio show on Des Moines Public School's student-run radio station, KDPS 88.1.

Do I look fabulous? Freshman **Amy Sirk** is ready to strut her stuff down the hallway after getting her hair, makeup and outfit done by senior Lady Tankers swim team members for initiation freshman year. Sirk finally got the chance to continue the tradition as a senior Tanker with the ninth grade "little fishes".

Talk to the hand. During a home basketball game, sophomore player **Steve McCoy** shoves it in the competition's face as sophomore **Blake Groen** attempts to grab the ball. As seniors, neither played on the school basketball team.

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Chris Abbott
Ameria Adair
Mimi Ajibaeva
Chris Amend



Sung-Hae An
Aaron Anderson
Elizabeth Anderson
Erika Anderson



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Fabricio Araujo
Dionna Ashby-Ganaway
Ronald Autry



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Austin Bailey
Emily Baitzer



Richelle Banks
Michael Bartine
Charlie Bartlett
Josh Bartlett

Ben Bell III
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Andrew Binkard
Racheal Bland



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Raj Borsellino



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Adam Bothun-Hill
Michael Britt Boscaljo
Jacob Bradshaw



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Denisha Brown
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Bobbikae Bryant



Matt Buchanan
Angelina Buettner
Sarah Buffington
Michael Bump



seniors



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Jennifer Burress
Josh Carney
Marquis Carter



Peter Casey
Jamalle Castillo
Aaron Cawthorn
Julia Chambers



Towera Chilongo
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Elena Flores
Cassie Fluke



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Stephanie Gray
Amy Graziano-Davis



Maren Gregersen
Brittney Griffith
Aimee Grismore
Blake Groen



Rachel Gruis
Thomas Gruis
Shaynna Grund
Elizabeth Grunzweig



Sam Gustafson
Christina Gulick
Haris Hadzic
Ronsson Hanson



Katie Hariman
Aaron Harrell
Elizabeth G. Hart
Rhea Hartman



seniors



Brandon Haugh
Aaron Hawthorne
Tom Heggen
Erin Henritze



Matthew R. Henry
Jonathon Hentges
Jessica Heuss
John Hilmes



Lucas Hirl
Jennifer Hitchcock
Daren Ho
Sean Hoffman



Cory Houk
Chase Huey
Rebecca Hutchinson
Heather Hyland



Eric Jacobson
Noah Jacobson
Janie Jacoby
Nikki Jamison

Kate Jess
Meredith Jinks
David Johnson
Emily Jones



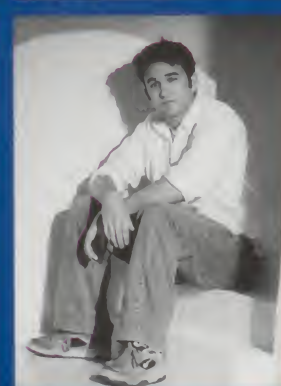
Ben Karney
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Alex Kennedy



Bridget King
Timica Lee
Jillian Knittle
Reece Lancaster



Robbie Larew
Michael Larkin
Orion Lauda
Tony Law



Katie Leonard
Joseph Leveke
Jessica Lewis
Tim Lewis



seniors



Wilson Lewis
Liz Lidgett
David Lindell
Mike Lingwall



Eric Litten
Melanie Long
Kathy Lovan
Chariti Lovejoy



Laura Lozier
Andy Lueck
Chau Ly
Jason Madison



Jean Mahoney
Aaron Mailey
Margaret Malm
Ryan Martin



Matt Mason
Dan McCarthy
Benjamin McCoy
Steve McCoy

Steve McGaughey
 Jessica McIlhon
 Brandon McKenzie
 Megan McKinley



Keenan McMahon
 Molly McMahon
 Liz McNulty
 Jarrod Mikel



Matt Miller
 Eulatia Monroe
 Brandi Moon
 Adam Moore



Lauren Moore
 Alex Munns
 Thomas Murphy
 David Murrin-Von Ebers



Joe Naylor
 Carly Nelson
 Ryan Nemmers
 Mary Nesbit



seniors

Eleanore Neumann
Joy Nicholson
Tori Nieters
Jennifer Noe

Jessica Noe
Maddison Off
Andrew Ogle
Andrew Paul

Ashley Perkins
Courtney Petty
Nattakorn Phetsangharn
Adela Philip

Ajak Philip
Eric Plumb
Matt Pokorny
Joseph Polk

Nicholas Porter
Andrea Powers
Katherine Pugh
Dylan Raife

Kera Reilly
Nick Renkoski
Becky Reuter
Gabriel Rice



Jeffrey Richman
Robyn Rieke
Terrell Rife
Owen Robertson



Aurora Rodriguez-
Peterson
Oliver Roeder
Jonathan Rogers
Shiloah Roland



Ray Saadi
Meghan Sabin
Robin Samples
Maria Sanchez



Aaron Sandler
Charles Saul
Heidy Savage
Anastasia Schmitt



seniors

Rachel Scholten
Jim Schwartz
Lauren Scott
Jason Seebeck

Tyler Senecaut
Evan Sharp
Sireono Sheley
Greg Shepard

Kirby Shiffler
Ben Shockley
Bret Sikkink
Shenelle Simpson

Sonia Skidmore
Monica Slaughter
Laura Smith
Sierra Smith

Sylvia Smith
T.D. Smith
Becky Spores
Eric Stifel

Zachary Stubbs
Joe Sturges
Karl Svec
Robin Svec



McKenzie Swanson-
Freeman
Ben Swieskowski
Will Tarbox
Lashay Terrell



Akili Thomas
Terrace Thomas
Greg Timmerman
Jerimiah Tipton



Trina Tolson
Julian Uwazie
Seth Van Winkle
Lauren Waddell



Alyssa Wade
Kate Walker
Edward J. Wallace
Jacob John Walters



seniors



Kyle Walsh
Pamela Marie Walz
Lisa Anne Weber
Theodore A. Wells



Brian Wennerstrum
Jessica Wilson
Shareena Wilson
Racheal Witosky



Gordon Wolder
LeMarius Wolder
Peter Wolf
Desi Woods Jr.



Natasha Woods
Lacy Wright
Elizabeth Yepsen
Timur Zhumbekov



Leigh Zisko

awards give seniors a good (or bad) name



Bounce to this. After winning the award for best dancer, senior **Chris Abbott** can't resist bustin' a few of his trademark moves for the senior class. Abbott honed his booty shakin' talent while participating in show choir all four years of high school.

Photo by Josh Anderson

Good sport. After strutting her stuff down the aisle to "Beautiful" by Snoop Dogg at the Man and Woman of the Year assembly, senior **Jessica Wilson** gives a good-luck hug to her fellow nominees. Wilson was later crowned Woman of the Year at Spree the following Saturday.

Photo by Josh Anderson



Crown me, baby. Senior class treasurer **Josh Carney** crowns senior **Laura Smith** best musician at the senior banquet. All award winners received a sombrero with an attached button that read their award. Seniors were also cautioned to be careful when putting on the sombreros after the back of the buttons started to stab students' heads.

Photo by Josh Anderson

Saved by the pass. Senior **Caitlin Cunningham** checks to make sure her get out of late bird free pass is for real. Cunningham won a raffle for the prize during banquet. Ironically, she later won the "most likely to be seen in Flesch's office" award. Cunningham's first reaction to her prize? "There has got to be more than one pass in here."

Photo by Josh Anderson





Piggy back! Senior Eleanor Neumann carries her own weight and then some while escorting senior man of the year nominee **Alex Munns** to the stage. **Right this way.** Senior man of the year nominee **Evan Sharp** escorts his escort and sister junior **Liza Sharp** to the stage. Sharp was later named Man of the Year at Spree.

Photos by Josh Anderson

Show me the winners:

Best actor/actress	Nick Renkoski	Ainslee Ericson
Best body	Ben Bell	Adrienne Furstenau
Best butt	Bret Sikkink	Tania Coulter
Best dancer	Chris Abbott	Ben Affleck
Best dressed	Josh Carney	Laura Lozier
Best eyes	Brad Pitt	Jamie Cunningham
Best hair	Austin Blank	Rebecca Hutchison
Best legs	Zack Stubbs	Meggie Malm
Best musician	Ryan Child	Laura Smith
Best Best personality	Jimmy Schwartz	Hannah Garrison
Best singer	Jeremy Burns	Christina Gulick
Best smile	Robbie Larew	Meredith Esbeck
Biggest ego	Steve McCoy	Kate Walker
Biggest flirt	Jon Rogers	Leslie Barnhizer
Biggest brown noser	T.D. Smith	Meredith Jinks
Biggest mouth	Antoine Linley	Kirby Shiffler
Biggest partier	Eric Jacobson	Amy Graziano-Davis
Class brain	Ben Sweiskowski	Liz Yepsen
Class clown	Ben Shockley	Ameria Adair
Dirty old man	Jamalle Castillo	McKenzie Swanson-Freeman
Most likely to grow a mullet	Ben McCoy	Kera Reilly
Most changed		
since freshman year	Mike Lingwall	Lauren Blunck
Biggest fake baker	Ben Karney	Megan Evans
Most likely to date a freshman	Albert Claytor	Jessica Noe
Funniest laugh	Andy Lueck	Liz McNulty
Most artistic	Vedron Surlic	Jessica McHlon
Most athletic	Aaron Cawthorn	Robin Samples
Most outgoing	Aaron Anderson	Eleanore Neumann
Most noticeable car	Karl and Robin Svec	Liz Lidgett
Most school spirit	Sam Early	Jessica Lewis
Most well-rounded	David Murrin-Von Ebers	Tori Furstenau
Wildest/craziest	Eric Stifle	Molly Goodman
Most desirable to be		
with on an elevator	Aaron Hawthorne	Sarah Buffington
Most likely to be		
seen in Flesch's office	Mike Bump	Caitlin Cunningham
Most likely to be on a		
reality show in 10 years	Charlie Bartlett	Kacey Davis
Most likely to		
become President	John Hilmes	Jessica Wilson
Most likely to marry rich	Joe Katelman	Alex Kennedy
Worst driver	Adam Moore	Jessica Goldman
Worst senioritis	Mike Bartine	Amy Sirk
Barbie and Ken couple	Robbie Larew and	Katherine Pugh
Best party	Eric Jacobson	
Class song	"Forty Ounces to Freedom"	
Woman of the Year nominees:	Stephanie Morain, Christina Gulick,	
	Meggie Malm, Alex Kennedy	
Woman of the Year:	Jessica Wilson	
Man of the Year nominees:	Jim Schwartz, Robbie Larew, Nick Renkoski,	
	Alex Munns	
Man of the Year:	Evan Sharp	

party like it's your birthday

On the rainy evening of May 10, the senior class entered the Temple of Performing Arts and took the elevator up to the fourth floor for their final high school dance. "The rain didn't bother us at all because it only rained when we were inside, and we still had a really great time," senior **Molly McMahon** said.

Prom 2003 created a new trend by becoming the first Roosevelt dance held at the temple. The Masonic Temple was first constructed in 1912, and new renovations were completed in June of 2002 by TRHS parent Harry Bookey.

Oh, The Places We'll Go was prom 2003's theme. Decorations consisted of 200 votive candles on the ballroom's balconies and sprays of orchids on each of the 12 tables. The temple's faux marble pillars, original wood moldings and stained glass windows along with the candle light and exotic flowers set a magical tone for the dance.

Before prom, seniors lived large by cruising the loop in Hummer, Cadillac and Navigator limo's for hours.

At 10:00 pm, the most anticipated moment of the evening arrived: the crowning of prom king and

queen. Out of ten candidates, senior **Ben Bell** was crowned king and **Katherine Pugh** queen.

After the dance, many seniors found ways to keep the party going. Many flocked to hotel rooms to get their party on, while others went back to nature and camped out urban style. Still others celebrated with a few games of bowling.

Rain did not rain on prom's parade with the beautiful architecture of the Temple's ballroom, combined with high class transportation, outfits and parties creating a memorable last dance for seniors.

dana bartolomei

Hey good lookin'. Senior **Janie Jacoby** takes a look in the mirror before leaving the bathroom. Jacoby's date wore a tie that matched her dress.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



That's sweet. Because she did not want to get her dress dirty, senior **Elizabeth Crispin**'s date senior **Greg Shepard** carries her over a muddy yard.

Photo courtesy of Ann Shepard

Smile pretty. Seniors **Jessica Heuss** and **Joe Gieseke** order pictures so their prom memories will last forever.

Photo by Roland Harris



Blushing Beauty. Newly crowned Prom queen **Katherine Pugh** blushes as she holds hands with her newly crowned king senior **Ben Bell**.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



Boogie Down! Seniors **Ren Waddell** and **Elena Flores** and junior **Travis Wells** get down as former graduate and KDPS radio personality "sexy" Eric Albaugh lays down the beats.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



Spin it. Work never stops for KDPS D.J. and senior prom goer **Jessica Wilson**. Just after the king and queen were crowned, Wilson changed the song to set a new mood.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei

Talk it up. While taking a break from dancing, junior **Natalie Hutchison** and seniors **Katie Hariman** and **Lauren Scott** sit at the tables and talk.

Photo by Roland Harris



Bad Breath? Hope not! Seniors **Aaron Hawthorne** and **Tania Coulter** get up close and personal during a slow song.

Photo by Dana Bartolomei



Sticky. Senior **Kate Leonard** and her date both came wearing only duct tape. Leonard wore the duct tape dress to try and win a college scholarship.

Photo by Roland Harris

final goodbye

As the last few seniors scurried into Drake University's Knapp Center on May 31, students, parents, family and friends filled bleachers around the stage where seniors would soon receive their high school diplomas.

Principal **Dr. Anita Micich** gave an introductory speech and introduced student-elected guest speaker columnist and parent **Rekha Basu**. Basu's son, senior **Raj Borsellino**, was a member of the graduating class. She said, "...My father, who sits in the audience today, was there to hug and embarrass me just as tonight I will no doubt emarrass my own son, Raj." Basu gave a heartfelt and

inspiring speech for the class of 2003. Her father gave the graduation speech at her high school graduation. She offered this advice: "That if something feels insurmountably hopeless today, it won't tomorrow. And that if you don't quite fit the mold in one setting, you will in others- but actually molds are boring; you're much more interesting being yourself."

Micich next introduced the valedictorian-elected speaker, senior **Evan Sharp**. Sharp gave a reiteration of the year's most monumental events and memories. He shared the school nickname of Harry Potter for Dr. Micich, the popular parking lot after-school hang-out,

and his friendships. He thanked his family, his friends, and Jesus, receiving a standing ovation.

The concert choir performed a rendition of Woody Guthrie's "This Land Was Made For You and Me" and a stunning bestowal of the national anthem, to which the Knapp Center Crowd stood and sang along.

Senior **Emily Garton**'s family and friends waved hand-held fans with Garton's picture as graduates exited the Center. From the first student, **Chris Abbott**, to the last, **Leigh Zisko**, the crowd cheered on the new alumni.

elizabeth crispin



The Walk. Senior **Ameria Adair** takes her final walk across the stage as a high school student. Adair was getting ready to take her professional graduation pictures with jolesch photography.

Photo by Keshia Palmer

Validation. Senior **Evan Sharp** shares the times that he will remember the most and how things have changed. He was elected by the valedictorians to give the commencement Sharp graduated in the top three percent of the class of 2003, received an academic letter, and was a National Merit finalist as well as an AP Scholar.

Photo by Keshia Palmer



Big Day. Accepting her diploma, senior **Richelle Banks** is excited because she has finally done it. She was shaking hands with Mr. Graham Gillette, a member of the Board of Directors.

Photo by Keshia Palmer



It's over now. Senoir **Ben Bell** smiles brightly as he graduates. Bell c-walked across the stage to show his excitement. He planned to attend William Penn College. *Photo by Keshia Palmer*



Last Note. Seniors **Jessica Wilson, Ren Waddell,** and **Emily Garton** are singing their last song with concert choir. The selections they sang were *An American Salute* and *The National Anthem*.

Photo by Keshia Palmer



The Big Wave. After a long four years, senior **Denisha Brown** finally gets to walk across the stage. Brown celebrated by having a gathering of family and friends at her house after the ceremony.

Photo by Keshia Palmer



Awards. Seniors **Meggie Malm, Jim Schwartz, Alex Munns, Ben Karney,** and **Jason Madison** all received scholarships.

Photo by Keshia Palmer

Patience. Senior **Tania Coulter** occupies her time by reading the graduation program. "I didn't realize how big the class was," Coulter said.

Photo by Keshia Palmer

x-treme exit

As the saying goes, "Go big, or don't go at all!" The parents of the Class of 2003 certainly took the saying to heart while creating 2003's senior party. The night began shortly after graduation with fireworks at 10:30 on the front lawn. Following the display, graduates entered the building in through a maze of fog and smoke to cross the foyer via a tornado, into a night of fun.

There were many activities to enjoy at the party. The second floor was transformed into an skating rink. First floor included multiple arcade-style videogames to play and the seniors even had a chance to star in their very own music video.

Throughout the night the casino was frequented by many students with hopes of increasing their chances of winning a plethora of prizes ranging from microwaves to mink coats.

Graduates also had the chance to get pampered with a massage, manicure, or makeover.

While some made the trek to the small gym to wrestle a bull or the natatorium to ride a blowup rainbow into the pool, others traveled to the courtyard. There students could chill while listening to the sounds of former Roosevelt student Joey Ashby and Des Moines' sweethearts, Euphoria.

After playing a few rounds of black jack and getting their dreams interpreted by Vicki

Goldsmith, graduates grubbed on free food. From Famous Dave's ribs to Tropical Snow to cotton candy, it was a finger lickin' good time.

With six o'clock approaching fast, the night ended with a hypnotist. Senior **Albert Claytor** amazed the audience when he was hypnotized to believe he was Elvis Presley, and made everyone jump out of their seats after taking a tumble off the stage while rockin' out to *Blue Suede Shoes*.

At the crack of dawn, the senior class ended their high school careers and began the adventure into their x-treme futures.

courtney petty



**X t r e m e
g a m e r s .** Seniors **Ngut Chany, Jacob Copeland** and **Grant Wilson** try their luck at one of the arcade games.

Photo by **Nwanneke Eke Winter wonderland.** Seniors experience the arctic complete with glaciers and whales in the pool. Photo courtesy of **Ann Shepard**





Xtraordinary. Before the fireworks show, seniors find their way to the front of the school with help from two giant spotlights in the shape of an X that frame the night sky. The entrance to school was also a massive spandex X with fog and bright orange light casting an eery glow on the crowd. *Photo courtesy of Ann Shepard*

Roses are red... Seniors **Sarah Buffington** and **Liz Yepsen** send letters to friends via the Xpress post office, set up in the cafeteria hallway. Friends and family sent seniors mail which was delivered to each senior's gift bag after the party.

Photo by Nwanneka Eke



Free ride. Senior **Greg Shepard** wins the raffle for the 1997 Grand Am donated from Ramsey Pontiac. Shepard totaled his previous car just two weeks before receiving the bright purple prize.

Bragging rights. Shepard posted a sign on the outside of his bedroom door to make sure his brothers knew who the new car belonged to.

Photos courtesy of Ann Shepard



Big Pimpin'. Senior **Josh Carney** sports the mink coat he won from a raffle drawing. His prize was one of four women's coats donated from Cownie Furs, all of which were won by boys. Carney later had the coat appraised at over \$900.

Photo courtesy of Robin Samples

Wanna get dirty? Ignoring the caution signs, senior **Zach Stubbs** caresses a stand-up poster of pop star Christina Aguilera, hoping that she'll *Come on Over* and give him some lovin'.

Photo courtesy of Robin Samples



Chris Abbott

I am so proud to have you for my son! I love you.

Mom



Chris Amend

Chris,
Where has the time gone? It has been the greatest joy of our lives to watch the sweet little boy in the photograph grow into a fine young man. We truly believe that great things are in store for you. Dream big!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Aaron Anderson

We are proud of your many accomplishments. You truly make the world a better place.

With love,
Mom, Dad, Megan and Neil



Erika Anderson

Erika,
You are our joy and sunshine in our lives. We are so proud of our beautiful, talented daughter and sister.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Erin



Jerimiah Anderson-White

J,
We all are very proud of you. The years have flown. I will miss the good times we had. Thank God we made it through everything! Go out there and show the world what you can do! I believe in you.

Love,
Mom, Cort Ma, Papa, Mark,
Joseph, Timmy and Jimmy



Austin and Andrew Bailey

Good luck, guys. It's hard to believe you've graduated already. Remember to always be there for each other and know that we will forever love you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Kevin



Michael Bartine

Michael,
You are unique, goofy, and
wonderful. Learn to use just
10% of your potential and look
out world!!!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Nick, Abby and
David



Charlie Bartlett

Charlie,
With you in our lives there has
never been a dull moment!
Always remember God has a
special plan and purpose for
your life because there is no one
quite like you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Carolyn and John



Austin Blank

Austin,
You're our cutie-pie. You can be
all you want to be- so go out
there and be it and do it!

Love,
Mom



Lauren Ashley Blunck

Dear Lauren,
We are proud of all your
accomplishments and know that
you will succeed in all that you
do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan and Kaitlin



Scott Bonz

Congratulations Scott,
You are a great work of art!
Love you, your biggest fan.
Mom

You worked so hard to get this
far, we wanted you to know just
how proud we are! Love,
Jamie, Kathy, Pat and Mike

My love and pride for you are
why you're my favorite.

Tim



Raj Borsellino

Raj,
You've got Lisa's brain, Bart's
attitude, Marge's compassion,
Maggie's impish charm, and
Homer's way of always pulling
through in the end. All that in
only your 16th season!
Congratulations!
We love you,
Rx3



Jake Bradshaw

Jake,
It seems like only yesterday you
"got out"!! Congratulations. We
couldn't be prouder or love you
more! May God bless you
always.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Brad, Matt J., Chris,
Nick, Shadow and Sadie



David Briedis

David,
You have earned our respect for
who you are and how you do
things.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Kristine



Elise Brush

Elise,
CONGRATULATIONS!
Good luck in your future!

With much love from your
proud parents



Matt Buchanan

Matthew,
Congratulations! On your
journey through life, always
take the scenic route.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Andy



Sarah Buffington

We are so proud of all that you
do and we hope you'll never
forget how much we love you.

Mom, Dad and Richard



Ray Bunner

Ray,
Congratulations! We are very
proud of you! Good luck at
college.

Love,
Dad and Mom



Jenni Burress

Jenni,
We are proud of all of your hard
work. You always make the
impossible possible.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Amy and Emily



Josh Carney

Josh-Mr. Nice Guy,
Your smile lights up our world!
We love your sense of humor,
great personality, wonderful
attitude and kindness. We're so
proud of you and we're really
glad we "gotcha"!

Love you big time,
Mom, Dad, Alissa, Gato, Mickey
and Norton



Aaron Cawthorn

Aaron,
You were born to be a
Roughrider!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Renee, and Brenna



Anna Clough

Rims,
Free at last!

Love,
C2 and Pockets



Andy Couch

Dear Andy,
Congratulations on graduating
from high school! You are
talented, friendly, smart, warm
and sensitive, and we love you a
lot. Our best wishes as you
move into the next phase of
your life.

Love,
Your family



Tania Coulter

To my "darlin', darlin' baby",
Keep reaching for the stars. You
can be anything you want to be.
I am truly blessed to have a
daughter as sweet and beautiful
as you. Have fun!!

Love,
Mom



Margot Courtney

Margot,
Congratulations. We know you'll
go places.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Hillary



Paul Covill

Dearest Paul,
May your great smile light up
the world. Follow your heart in
whatever you do. I am proud of
you and love you much. Mom
Paul,
You were born with an innate
love for sports and competition.
Let those traits serve and guide
you well in life. I am proud of
you. I love you. Dad



Elizabeth Crispin

Dear Biffer,
You are our sunshine!
We love you,
Mama and Papa

Lizzie-boo,
You are the bestest!
Love your favorite little sis,
Caitlin



Caitlin and Jamie Cunningham

Caitlin and Jamie,
You've both always been an absolute joy and a challenge, and
ALWAYS each your own person. Keep looking toward the future--it's
yours for the taking. We're so proud of you both. And remember to
keep dreaming "butterflies and rainbows."

Love,
Mom, David, Sean, T.J., Poppie and Grandma



Georgia De Carlo

Sweet as a Georgia peach, with
the tenacity, creativity, and
independence of O'Keefe. We
never cease to be amazed by
your talents and heart of gold.
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Angie and Mitch



Phillip Dickinson

Phillip,
Without sounding like a
Hallmark card, we want you to
know how proud of you we are.
You have always been a source
of pride and amazement.
Continue to be inquisitive, as it
has always been one of your
greatest gifts.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Joe and Michael



Sam Early

Sam,
Since you were young, you've
impressed us with your
exuberant determination,
confidence and persistence,
balanced with humor and
maturity beyond your years.
Come back and see us often. We
value your counsel, and love to
hear you laugh.

Love, Mom, Dad and Martha



Jessica Eckstein

There is no job too big or small
for my little tidy clean girl. Good
luck in all your ventures.
Love, Dad

May God bless you richly as you
always remember whose child
you really are.
Love, Mom



Nwanneka Eke

Dear daughter,
We thank God so much for
allowing you to reach your first
goal in life. We know how smart
you are and know you will face
your challenges in college and
be who you want to be. These
are our wishes for you. God
bless you in your paths.

Love you,
Mom and Dad



Elizabeth Lindsay Emsweller

We are so proud of you for who
you are and the woman you
have become. Keep your unique
and individual style and use
your gifts and talents wisely.

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Meredith Esbeck

What! Other people wanted a
piece of that cake?

Meredith,
You are absolutely the sweetest
soul we know. Don't be afraid of
taking your "bite" in the world.
You deserve it!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Mitch Fastenau

Mitch,
You are a special young man
ready for a new road in life. As
Dr. Seuss said, "Oh, the places
you'll go!" Go get 'em, Mitch,
you're all packed!

Love,
Your very proud Mom and Dad



Elena Flores

We love you little Tootoo! You
go girl!

Mom, Dad, Chris and Gabe



Cassie Fluke

Cassie,
Always stay true to the song in
your heart. "Rock on, Cass."

We love you always,
Mom and Dad



Leslie Foshe

Dearest Leslie,
We are so proud of you! You
always add sparkle, style,
charm, and humor. Shoot for
the stars!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Grant and Callie



Rachel Fuller

Rachel,
You were our first and we are so
proud of you and your
continuing goals for the future.
We will always be here for you
during your life's journey and
you will always be our "little
girl." Congratulations!

Love ,
Mom and Dad



Adrienne and Victoria Furstenu

We are so proud of you, and we
admire the women you have
become. Have a wonderful
adventure, and don't forget to
phone home!

We all love you.



Hannah Marie Burress Garrison

Banana,
"Learn from yesterday, live for
today, hope for tomorrow."
We're so proud of you!

All our love,
Mama, Dad, Bekah, Micah and
Sarah

-Psalm 139-



Abby Glawe

From dressing up to dressing up
others...

We are so proud of who you are
and what you have
accomplished.

Enjoy life, and "color" the world
with your warmth.

Love and Hugs-
Mom, Dad, Annie and
Christopher



Sam Gold

SAM! (Tune of Shaft)
Who's the guy playin' drums,
touch his wrists with his
thumbs? Sam! (You dang right.)
Alone in his attic lair, in his big
recliner chair-Sam! (Can you dig
it?)

CDs galore, but he's always
buying more for his collection
(Sam Gold)

Kudos,
Mom, Dad and John



Jessica Goldman

Jessica,
Congratulations. You are very special. We have always loved you and
we always will.

Mom and Dad



Molly Goodman

You still have that killer smile.
Congratulations MoJo!

Love,
Mom, Stan, Kelly, Kevin and
Abby



Amy Graziano-Davis

Amy,
Keep up the good habits.
Congratulations!

Love,
Dad and Mommio



Brittney Griffith

You always marched to your own beat. And had "a future so bright you 'gotta' wear shades." You instinctively knew before anyone that you possessed a sparkliness and would always be on parade. I'm so proud of the kind of person you've become. I love you with all my heart.



Tom and Rachel Gruis

Kids,
Nothing now can take the wind out of your sails... Be aggressive out there and attend church regularly.

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Christina Gulick

Christina,
The world is waiting for your gifts and talents. Go forth and be a blessing in everything you do. We are very proud of you.

All of love,
Mom, Dad, Rachel and Bobo



Libby Hart

Dear Libby,
Congratulations and love always from Mom and Dad (and Gwennie and Mr. Sassypants).



Rhea Hartman

Dear Rhea,
May your happy child be within your reach so that in times of transition you are able to rest in tranquility; each memory of the past touching your future.

Love,
Mom



Tom Heggen

Watching you grow up has been a complete joy and pleasure. We love you so much. You are the apple of our eye! Good luck in everything you do!

Love you!
Mom, Dad, John, Annie and Mary



Erin Henritze

Erin,
Well done! Everyone in your family is very proud of you.

Love from Mom, Dad, Sam,
Gramma and Papa



Matt Henry

Dear Matt:
We're proud of what you have accomplished. In life's journey, you can't control the wind but you can adjust the sails. Let the stars be your guide and reach for your goals as high as the heavens.

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Jessica Heuss

Congratulations on your graduation! We know this is the first step towards accomplishing your goals and we know you will be successful.

We love you,
Mom and Dad



John Hilmes

John,
Your entire family is proud of you! Your curiosity, integrity, and determination have served you well. Remain curious. Stay determined. Be honest with yourself and others. Have fun. (Call your mother.)

Love,
Mom and Dad, Jackie, Julianne,
Maggie and Molly



Chase Huey

You have a strong and free spirit; a light and forgiving heart beyond your years. You are one of those rare young men who will shape this world into a better place. You have certainly brightened our world.

Love,
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Rebecca Hutchison

Becca Baby Girl,
Keep smilin'.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Noah Jacobson

Noah,
We love you for who you are.

Mom, Dad, Rachel



Nikki Jamison

Knew you could do it.

Love you,
Mom, Dad, Grandma and Aunt
Deb



Kate Jess

Kat,
As you embark on your bright
future, focus on your goals and
commit to excellence, cherish
your family and friends and
stay connected, be happy and
laugh often. We are so proud of
you; you are truly the best!

Our love,
Mom and Dad



David Johnson

David, our old soul-
With your childhood now a
piece of your history, your
dreams start to become your
future! We know you will do
well wherever life takes you.
We're very proud of you!
Congratulations!

Love always,
Mom and Dad



Benjamin Karney

Pasta dinner anyone?

With love,
Mom, Dad and Daniel



Erin Kelson

Erin-
We love dearly the strong,
independent young woman
you've become. Your passion for
life will carry you successfully
into the future. We're so proud
of you!

All of our love-
Mom, Dad, Adam, Pepper,
Calvin and Molly



Alex Kennedy

Alex,
We are all so proud of you!!! You
have always made us so glad to
be part of your life.
Remember: "Alex is a good kid."
You have worked very hard to
become a person of substance
and character.
We love you (more than
spaghetti),
Mom, Dad, John



Jillian Knittle

Although you've been called
many names, (Jilly-Bean, Beans,
Binky, Poodle, Toot, Froot, and
Jill), you will always be our little
"Jillian."

Best wishes and all our love,
Kristin and Mo



Robbie Larew

Robbie-
Keep that twinkle in your eye
and that winning smile and your
achievements so far are just the
beginning. We're very proud of
you!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Theresa and Melissa



Joe "Shaggy" Leveke

Only as high as I reach can I
grow, only as far as I seek can I
go, only as deep as I look can I
see, only as much as I dream
can I be. Your future is what
you make it... Make it Great!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Wilson Lewis

Congratulations, man!

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Nathan



Elizabeth Lidgett

Our Precious Elizabeth,
You have brought such joy to
our lives. Our laughing, darling
girl, we are so proud of you.
You are incredibly special and
will be able to achieve any goal
you choose. Always know, we
are here loving and supporting
you hour by hour.
Forever,
Mommy and Daddy



Mike Lingwall

Dear Michael,
Drive safely. Be careful. Have
fun!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Annie



Laura Lozier

Congratulations precious,
from your loving family!



Andy Lueck

Andy,
We all made it! You have made
us very proud. Keep making
those good choices.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Sarah



Aaron Mailey

Aaron,
What an honor it is to call you
our son. You have accomplished
much and will go forward to
accomplish even more. How
proud we are of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Meggie Malm

"What lies behind us and what
lies before us are tiny matters
compared to what lies within
us." -Ralph Waldo Emerson
Meggie,
Never lose your kind spirit and
determined heart.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jon and Kathryn



Dan McCarthy

For 18 years you've made us smile and brought joy into our hearts. YOU ARE OUR SUPERSTAR. We are your biggest fans.

Much love,
Mom and Dad



Megan McKinley

Doozers Do!

Megan,
You have always been a joy! No matter where you go or what you decide to do, you'll do great! Congratulations.

Love,
Mom



Keenan McMahon

Time to row your own boat. We are so proud of you. Grab those oars and go!

Love ya,
Mom, Dad, Mollie, Cosmo and Mia



Molly McMahon

Molly,
Keep on smiling! Remember, when one door closes, another always opens.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan, Daniel, Kate, Grace, Gabe, Quinn, Moira, Conor and Brennan



Liz McNulty

You'll do well wrestling with life after high school. A good match is always a challenge! We love you and are proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Katy and Anna



Lauren Moore

Lem,
Here you are just over two and already taking control of the reins. Congratulations. Keep plowing ahead.

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Stephanie Morain

Stephanie,
Yesterday a gift; today a gift;
tomorrow a gift.

Love,
Your family



Alex Munns

Always bright-eyed and ready to
go. You are destined for great
things.

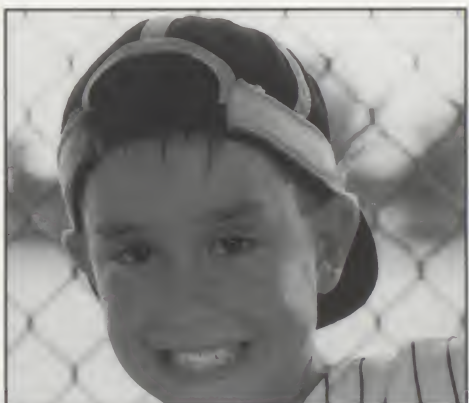
Love,
Mom, Dad and Mollie



Thomas Murphy

Thomas,
You've logged a lot of miles
since the "sky cradle" days, and
it has been a pleasure traveling
with you. Here's to your future
journeys, wishing you adventure
and fulfillment.
Now, get off da couch!

Love,
Mom and Dad



David Murrin- von Ebers

David,
You'll always be my favorite
little brother... Enjoy life, that's
all that matters.

Love ya, Tracy

You are a grand slam home run
of a son and I love you to
pieces. Thanks for every inning!
Love, Mom



David Murrin- von Ebers

David,
Every day, since the day you
were born, I have been proud to
be your Dad. Congratulations.



Carly Nelson

I am so proud of your success.
Your Dad, Judy and I cannot put
into words how proud we are of
you and who you are. You will
always be in our hearts and
dreams.

We will always love you.

Love,
Mom



Mary Nesbit

Mary,
We are very proud of your accomplishments but even more so of the kind of person that you are. We can't wait to see what you end up doing to make the world a better place. Don't let anything slow you down.

Love you,
Mom and Dad



Eleanore Neumann

With moonbeams in your heart,
keep the stars in your eyes. We love you and are so proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Jeannette and Neil



Tori Nieters

The opportunities in your future are as numerous as the grains of sand on the beach. Continue to fill your bucket.

Good luck! We love you!

Mom, Dad, Ted and Tyger



Andy Ogle

I am so proud of you. God bless you all your life. I love you more than the world.

Mom



Andrew Paul

The sky is the limit! Keep reaching for the top and never lose your smile!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Amy



Courtney Nicole Petty

We are very proud of you-
today, tomorrow and always!

Love you,
Mom, Dad and Sister



Matt Pokorny

Dear Matthew,
We are so proud of your accomplishments. Keep making beautiful music. We will love you forever.

Mom, Dad and Colleen



Nick Porter

Nicholas,
You've grown so quickly from a boy to a man. We are so very proud of you, the choices you have made, the good person that you are and your thoughtful ways. May you always be as happy as you have made others.

With love,
Mom, Dad and Chris



Katherine Pugh

Hey, Sweet Pea!
You have truly been a blessing in our lives. We admire your "reach for the stars" determination. We are so proud of you. We love you!

Mom, Dad, John and David



Kera Reilly

Kera Bera-
What a joy you are! So, such a bittersweet time - we are proud of your successes, happy you are embarking on a wonderful new adventure, and so sad to let you go. We love you t-h--i--s much!!!



Nick Renkoski

And you say you can't dance.
Here's proof to the contrary.
Congratulations! We're proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Ben



Jeff Richman

Jeffrey,
To a man boldly going everywhere...We salute your ability to imagine a world without limitations. Realize that your potential is unlimited also. Your creativity and innovative thinking can take you to the stars, but you can't just want it, you have to Make It So.
Love, Mom and Dad



Aurora Rodriguez- Peterson

Rori,
We wish you the best in
whatever your life holds. We are
very proud of you and love you
very much.

Dad, Mom, Roberto and Oreo



Meghan Ewibowef Sabin

Dear Meg,
Your tenacity has served you
well. Even though it drives me
crazy sometimes, I hope that it
continues to be part of who you
are. Always remember that I'm
proud of you and that I love you
more than most!
Love, Mom and Clairabelle



Robin Samples

Bean,
Time to grow up and leave
Neverland! We love you always!

Mom and Dad



Stacey Schmitt

Oh, nature girl, oh nature girl, oh how we love our
nature girl.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Rachel Scholten

Rachel,
May all your dreams come true.
We love you.

Mom and Dad





Tyler Senecaut

Our superhero is ready to conquer another obstacle. Great job Ty.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Dan



Kirby Shiffler

Kirby-
We wish you only the best in the years ahead. You make us proud. Go get 'em!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Amy Sirk

Noodle, as you continue charting your course through life may you always find love, peace and happiness! You are my sunshine.

Love,
Mom



T.D. Smith

TD-
You've always had an appetite for life. DIG IN!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Tyson, Alison, McB and Marcy



Caitlin Snodgrass

We admire your sense of humor, courage and your determined spirit. Your future is destined to be wonderful as you now weave your own pattern of life. Recognize and use your gifts as you enjoy life's experiences. We are all very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Drew and Alex



Eric Stifel

Eric,
We taught you how to talk and walk, and to be a good person. We are so proud of you. Who taught you how to drive?
Love ya buddy, Mom and Dad

To say we argued would be an understatement, but I love you anyway.
Good luck, Leah



Zachary Stubbs

Z-man,
The best is yet ahead. It's yours
for the making. We are proud of
you in so many ways and for so
many things.

We love you,
Mom and Dad



William Tarbox

William,
Remember: the thrilling ride
down the hill is impossible
unless you work your way up
first. Whatever hill you climb,
know that you will always have
our love and support. Don't be
afraid to dream, to take a
chance, and to fail. These are
integral to success and happiness.
Love, Mom, Dad and Emily



Lauren Waddell

Ren,
Congratulations! May life be
good to you. May it carry you as
far as you dare to travel in the
direction of your goals and
dreams. And no matter what
you do or how far you go, may
it always lead you home again,
to your family who loves you.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Parker



Alyssa Wade

Alyssa,
Congratulations on your great
achievement. You have the
ability to think both inside and
outside the box. Use your
talents wisely.

Much love,
Mom and Dad



Kate Walker

Remember the wonder.
Continue the hard work. Know
you are loved.

Dad, Mom, John, Michael



Kyle Walsh

Dear Kyle,
You have given us so much joy
and happiness. Your
thoughtfulness, consideration
and sense of humor will always
serve you and others. We are
proud of you, and we love you!

Dad, Mom and Erin



Pamela Walz

Pamela,
Follow your goals. We are very
proud of you, live life to the
fullest.

Love,
Dad, Mom



Lisa Weber

Lil' Lisa,
Congratulations baby girl! We are all
so proud of you. Remember to live
every day of your life to the fullest
and always keep reaching for the
stars. You'll always be our little
dancing queen. Now break out into
the world and show them what you
got!

Love, Mom, Dad, Lil' Bro and
Sparky



Ted Wells

Your sense of humor keeps us
smiling! Follow your dreams-
we're behind you 100%!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Sam



Jessica Wilson

Congratulations, Jessica!
Your hard work and
determination will carry you far
in this world. Continue to reach
for the stars, and "do more, not
less." Our blessings go with you
as you enter your adult life. We
are proud of you.

With all our love and support,
Mom, Dad and Justin



Peter Wolf

Peter,
We are so proud of you. From
preemie to graduate...
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ben and Shelby



Liz Yepsen

Elizabeth,
We are so proud of you. Be
happy. Follow your dreams.
Clean up your room.



Leigh Zisko

Dear Leigh-Leigh,
Congratulations on all your
accomplishments! Wherever
your travels take you, always
remember the way home. We
love YOU MORE, girl with the
"cat-like reflexes".

Love, Mom, Dad and Elizabeth

You done good! Love, Patrick

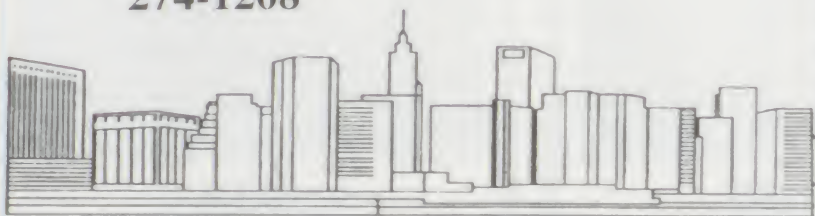
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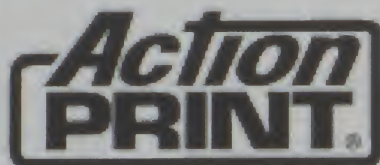
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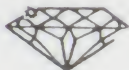
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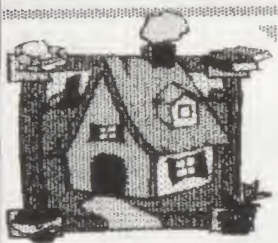
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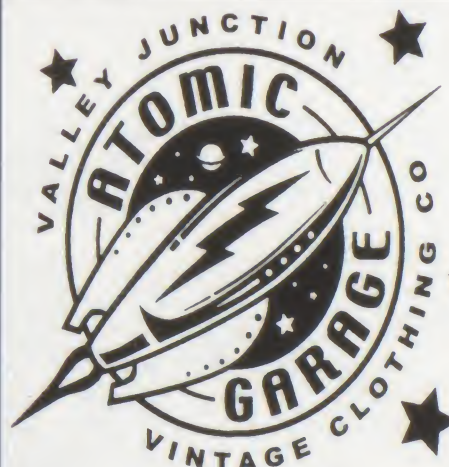
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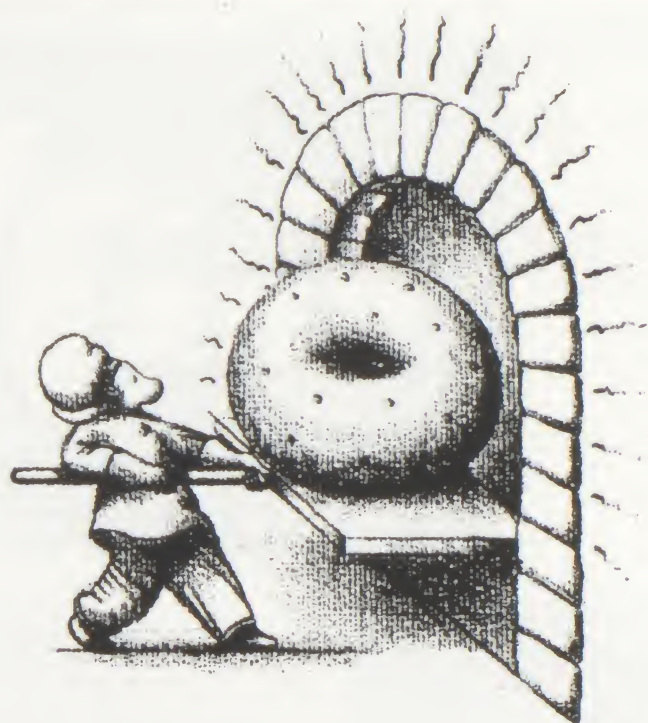
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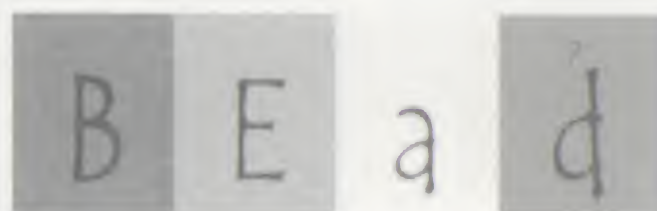
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Girls freshmen volleyball

Front row: Kate Fuller, Addie Knight, Dijana Omerdic, Stephanie Grangaard, Andrea Fitzgerald, Rachel Konne. **2nd row:** Annie Glawe, Hanna Henson, Kristen Jacobsen, Anna Jones, Marina Vasiljevic, Perri Woods, Liz Williams, Ashley McDonald. **3rd row:** Anna Gerlitz, Brittani Mosley, Coach Maria Mattiace, Coach Deidra Blin, Coach Tim Lane, Jamie Spiering, Kaitlin Landis. **Back row:** Hannah Honsey, Theresa Larew, Danielle St. Pierre, Ali Kuter, Anela Sulic, Jessie Myers.



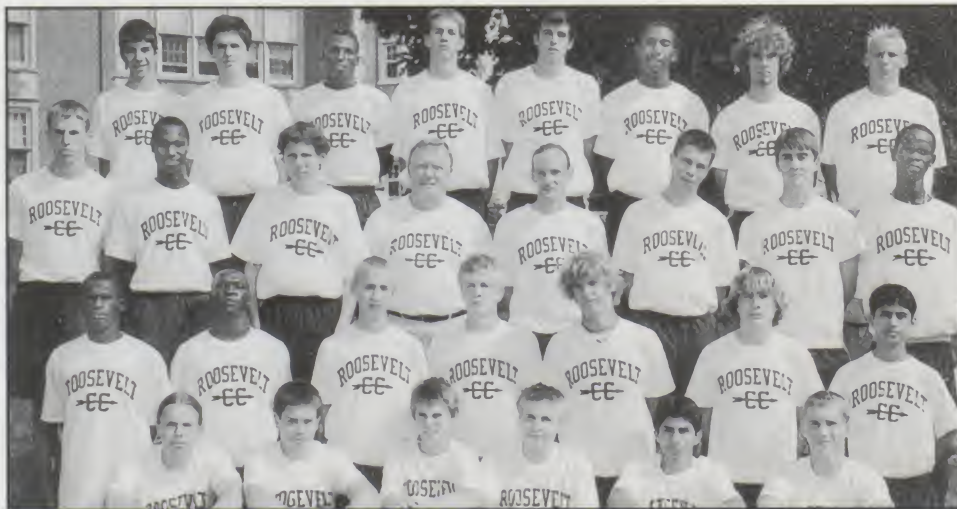
Girls cross country

Front row: Jamilia Bell, Jasmina Pandur, Emily Burney, Samantha Beebout, Natalie Kregel, Marissa Flores, Miriam Chisala, Afton Polk, Lady. **2nd row:** Hilary Woodhouse, Elizabeth Silbermann, Whitney Thomas, Cassidy White, Coach Jacob Kaemmer, Coach Anna McDonald, Bill Kaemmer, Glenna Palimor, Christa Sesker, Elizabeth Rosenblatt. **3rd row:** Rachel Farr, Jessica Kiel-Wornson, Rachel Selden, Adrienne Furstenau, Victoria Furstenau, Taralyn Johnson, Rebecca Stubbs, Bekah Garrison. **Back row:** Kori Kent, Hannah Roeder, Margo Tomka, Chirstine Jansen, Paige Duncan, Ali Nielsen, Amy Reynolds, Jen Johnson, Lisa Fitzpatrick.



Boys cross country

Front row: Ari Micich, Quinn Woodhouse, Jon Thomas, Kory Uhl, Raj Borsellino, Jordan Jones. **2nd row:** Joseph Yassin, Joseph Meja, Tim Wieland, Kiel Uhl, Michael Brown, Ramsey Carey, Kyle Cox. **3rd row:** Austin Williamson, Jeremiah Danga, Nick Walker, asst. coach Jim Brown, coach Steve Brown, Thom Waters, David Murrin-Von Ebers, David Deng. **Back row:** John Messina, Oliver Borzo, Yawusa Kinda, Barnes Kelly, Jim Schwartz, Thomas Baker, Max Villwock, Sean Warren.





Varsity football

Front row: Charlie Bartlett, Brian Bell, Mat McDonnell, Ronsson Hanson, Adam Grady, Tony Law, Terrell Rife, Albert Claytor. **2nd row:** Tom Gruis, Aaron Mailey, Frankie Cownie, D.J. Woods, Ben Bell, Jason Madison, Josh Murry, Aaron Cawthorn, Andy Ogle. **3rd row:** coach Dan McCain, coach Krugler, coach Walt Kennedy, coach Joe Hornback, coach Phil Hornback, coach Mike Horton. **4th row:** Richard Tindrell, Joe Frederick, Kevin Bramwell, Jason Reynolds, Billy Holtz, Steve Clark, Matt Miller, Kyle McMann, Jamalle Castillo. **5th row:** Grant Hewins, Jake Norman, Ben Fallon, Kyle Baas, Joseph Polk, Mitch Fastenau, Matt Waller, Evan Sharp. **Back row:** Mykel Crawford, Aaron Hawthorne, Robbie Larew, Julian Uwazie, Chris Abbott, Brandon McKenzie, Collins Eboh, Derek Snyder.



Sophomore football

Front row: Blazer Smith, Alex Broadus, Tyler Rokey, Domonic Wilson, Aaron Baird Peter Cade, Nate Garcia. **2nd row:** Angela Jones, Troy Jones, Matt Adcock, Dwight Brown, Ben Nichols, Troy Jones, Jason Parry. **3rd row:** coach Dan McCain, coach Mike Krugler, coach Walt Kennedy, coach Joe Hornback, coach Phil Hornback, coach Andre Allen, coach Micheil Horton. **4th row:** Jonathan Burkett, Charles Frederici, Steven Troge, Jamal Jones, Neil Neumann, Ryan Lomen. **Back row:** Bradley Claytor, Frank Kouri, Patrick Zisko, Frank Lowry.



Freshman football

Front row: Corey Wedeking, Jonathan Murray, Jonathan Bredbeck, Frank Manders, James Nicholson, Tarrell James, Cornelius Gully, Max Baldwin. **2nd row:** Brandon Swedberg, Andy Krekel, Casey Hayes, Richard Rumley, Tyler Shetler. **3rd row:** Jason Runge, Coach, Coach Kerry Ketcham, Coach Cooper, Coach Sickles, Robbie Salisbury. **4th row:** Justin Richards, Austin Mitchell, Issac Quijano, Mark Konecny-Green, Dan Cavanagh, David Bartine, Eric Gregersen. **5th row:** Matt Celentano, Tim Alberts, Mike Pendergast, Nick Sharp, Joe Dickinson, Eric Andrews. **Back row:** Ryan Carey, Shayne Shade, Ethan Garrigan, Jordan Rabon, Bryce Wilson, John Pugh.



Freshmen football cheerleading

Front row: Danielle Argumedo, Elyse Claiborne. *2nd row:* Amanda Marek, Sara Taffae, Julia Wilson. *Back row:* Courtney Myayane, Stephanie Jackson, Maddy Schmida, Octavia Ingram.



Sophomore football cheerleading

Front row: Amber Olson, Demetria Witt, Keshia Palmer, Carman Argumedo, Ebone' Bell. *Back row:* Kristen Kennedy, Melody Douglas, Kennedy Spriggs-Jones, Clare Bridgford, Latoyes Johnson, Markisha Holland.



Varsity football cheerleading

Front row: Timica Lee, Willie Guy, Rachel Ratashak. *2nd row:* Wanakee Carr, Lisa Weber, Chariti Lovejoy, Cassandra Webb. *Back row:* Natalie Lawrence, Jontell Harris, Rachel Prueitt, Liza Sharp, Nakita Carter.



Varsity wrestling cheerleading

Front row: Liza Weber, Ashley Perkins, Rachel Ratashak, Sarah Escoveto. *Back row:* Dana Ketcher, Rachel Prueitt, Jessica Wright.



Freshman basketball cheerleading

Front row: Stephanie Jackson, Sarah Taffae, Julia Wilson, Erica Wolcott. *2nd row:* Danielle Argumedo. *Back row:* Madyson Schmiday, Elyse Claiborne, Aylah Garland.



Sophomore basketball cheerleading

Front row: LaToyes Johnson, Carmen Argumendo, Mikesia Holland, Kristen Kennedy. *Back row:* Tanisha Jones, Melody Douglas, Kennedy Spriggs-Jones, Gheri Galbreath, Rantee Taylor.



Varsity competition cheerleading

Front row: Danielle Argumedo, Julie Wilson, Stephanie Jackson, Cassandra Webb, Rachel Ratashak. *2nd row:* Wanakee Carr, Kristen Kennedy, Liza Weber, Keshia Palmer. *Back row:* Dana Ketcher, Rachel Prueitt, Melody Douglass, Latoyas Johnson, Jessica Wright, Liza Sharp.

Varsity basketball cheerleading

Front row: Cassandra Webb, Rori Rodriguez Peterson, Brittani McMichael. *2nd row:* McKenzie Swanson, Alysha Galbreath, Wanakee Carr, Samantha Garland. *Back row:* Jantell Harris, Kahara Hunafa, Breeana Kazer. *Not pictured:* Natalie Lawrence.



J . V . wrestling cheerleading

Front row: Courtney Myteri, Demetria Witt, Amber Winterschied, Keshia Palmer. *Back row:* Clare Bridgford, Amanda Marek, Ebone Bell, Carlotta Woods.





Girls swimming

Front row: David Hanson, Steve Cullins, Jenny McKee, Carly Kennedy, Blair Hamilton, Caitlin Suttie, Alyssa Songsridej, Ime Augustine-Akpan, Katie Wright, Sara Eimers, Briana Baldi, Stephanie Fleckenstein, Kate Lidgett, Sara Heilman. **2nd Row:** Matt Buchanan, John Hilmes, Sarah Wine, Kelsey Smith, Abby Ginther, Sarah Gutsell, Leah Pope, Lynsie Crawford, Rose Mayo, Jordan Croft, Jordan Pennington, Martha Shepek, Meredith Cooney, Steve Teter, Steve Davis, Jeff Crispin. **3rd Row:** Jackie Hilmes, Lucy Grask, Meagan Whetstone, Paige Purdy, Sara Alvarez, Kate McBride, Emily Kramer, Alex Litka-Reselman, Carolyn Bartlett, Molly Dougherty, Mandy McClure, Caitlin Sims, Alisha Cavanagh. **4th Row:** Lauren Wendehl, Rebecca Gemes, Caitlin Crispin, Charlotte Duoblys, Anne Lingwall, Sam Wickard, Suzie Cownie, Sarah Hunter, Lydia Clark, Allison Peyton, Jodi Berkey, Julia Wilson, Abby Bartine, Caitlin Graham, Anna Gajdel, Bianca Lucht, Megan McAfee. **Back Row:** Alex Kennedy, Laura Smith, Liz Yepsen, Elizabeth Crispin, Robin Samples, Molly Goodman, Laura Lozier, Eleanore Neumann, Kirby Shiffler, Sarah Buffington, Kacey Davis, Jessica Goldman, Rebecca Hutchison, Meredith Esbeck.



Boys swimming

Front row: Ian Dunbar, Pieter Ver Steeg, Ramsey Carey, Clayton Craiger, Anthony Chance, Cory Poff. **2nd row:** Frank Hansman, Mark Child, Steve Cullen, Glen Clark, Benjamin Miller-Todd, David Arentson, Billy Samples, Phil Miller. **3rd row:** Paul Asjes, David Hanson, Fabricio Arujo, Thomas Cownie, Matthew Adrianse, Clifford Mayo. **4th row:** John Hilmes, Peter Wolf, Andy Luek, Ben Karney, Zack Stubbs, Joe Leveke, Daniel McCarthy. **Back row:** Charlie Bartlett, Austin Bailey, Clayton Hamilton, TD Smith, Matt Buchanan, Alex Bardole.



Wrestling

Front row: Anthny Livingston, Geoff Bornes, Jason Seebeck, Adam Grady, Eric Crandell, James Nicholson, Tyler Haugh, Ronsson Hanson, Bradnon Haugh, Steve Batcher. **2nd row:** Elisa Bough, Ali Hoag, John Richman, Terrance Irving, Dennis Christensen, Gemir Dunc, Nate Garcia, Lauren Wendehl, Andrea Powers. **3rd row:** Aaron Baird, Jason Madison, Justin Richards, Richards Rumley, Goach Jay Groth, Coach Charles Sanders, Coach Dan McCain, Andy Ogle, Josh Murray, Neil Neumann. **Back row:** Ben Bell, George Kappelman, Larry Moore, Chris Abbott, Matt Waller, Tyler Christensen, Aaron Mailey, Matt Miller.



Varsity basketball

Front row: Daniel Rohrs, PJ Casteline, Antionne Linely, Albert Claytor, Chris Wiemann, Brian Bell. *2nd row:* Brandon McKenzie, Barnes Kelley, Michael Bartine, Robert Scott, Chad Shannon Tyler Mitchell. *Back row:* Akuien Wour, Aaron Hawthorne, Coach Matt Murillo, Coach Paul Doerfield, Coach Jason Allen, Jon Rogers, Matt Burnett.



Sophomore basketball

Front row: Mike Wilhite, Tim Diulio, James Miller, Howell Dixon, Paul Soner. *2nd row:* Mirsad Kazic, Matt Shepard, Nate Riggle, Larry Barnett, Ben Norris, Steve Troge. *Back row:* Coach Valline, Patrick Zisko, Sam Aden Dion Curry Dave Drustrup, Ed Shannon.



Freshman boys basketball

Front row: Tony Williams, Kurtis Hall, Kevin Bailey, Mak Sueska. *2nd row:* Robbie Salisbury, Sejad Bajramovic, Anthony Hobbs, Cornelius Guilly, Conor Malone, Andy Krekel. *Back row:* Ethan Garrigan, David Bartine, Matt Murillo, Austin Mitchell, Tim Alberts.



Freshmen girls basketball

Front row: Angelica Corbin, Andrea Fitzgerald, Hannah Henson. *2nd row:* Emily Warford, Anela Suljic, Carey McGhee. *Back row:* Nya Wour, Amber Thill, Coach Maggie Clark, Liz Cooney, Sarah Leonard.



Varsity girls basketball

Front row: Jasmin McNear, Christina Brown, Miriam Chisala, Millie Bell, Margo Tomka. *2nd row:* Becky Reuter, Megan Jones, Ali Nielsen, Tanyana West. *Back row:* Paige Duncan, coach Tig Johnson, Jenny Mosher, Leigh Hotchkiss.



Sophomore girls basketball

Front row: Emily Warford, Stacey Hunnell, Stephanie Fleckenstein, Andrea Fitzgerald, Quinnetta Claytor, Hannah Roeder. *Back row:* Sara Leonard, Korrian Kent, Coach Mark Mattlage, Jasmin McNear, Maggie Clark, Paige Duncan, Alexandra May.



Boys golf

Front row: Tim DiIulio, Paul Soener, Daniel Flattery, Lucas Carson, Mac Fisher, Paul DiIulio. *Back row:* Alex Hubbell, Orbie Boggs, Ben Dahlberg, David Briedis.



Girls golf

Front row: Megan Jones, Gretta Sullivan, Amy Graziano-Davis, Claire Wood, Bianca Lucht, Maggie Dolan. *Back row:* Liz Cooney, Jamie Spiering, Orbie Boggs, Anna Jones, Becky Reuter.



Boys Baseball

Front row: Nick Renkoski, Paul Covill, Jamalle Castillo, Tod Szabo, Stephen Batcher, Sean Hoffman, David Murrin von-Ebers, Sam Early. *2nd row:* Mike Bartine, Blake Groen, Mark Van Dyck, Danny Rohrs, Paul DiIulio, Stephen McCoy, Scott Bonz, Ken Redd, Drew Peckum. *Back row:* Joe Sciesinski, Brett Sikkink, Chad Harned, Coach Brent Wooters, Coach Yaznich, Barnes Kelley, Tyler Mitchell, Nathan Cox.



Softball

Front row: Andrea Fitzgerald, Erin Woolwine, Nikki Parkey, Becca Kerim, Paige Sweet, Rickelle Williams, Dawnielle Simmons. *Back row:* Katie Bartlett, Sarah Leonard, Margo Tomka, Caren White, Becky Reuter, Dana Bartolomei, Elizabeth Morris, Tania Coulter, Pam Walz.



Sharks

Front row: Ben Bell, Keeley Frahme-Lowe, Elle Conyers, Sara Heilmann, Jordan Croft, Kate Lidgett, Jordan Pennington, Alexis Baker, Hannah Honsey, Emily Cumbie-Drake, Andy Lueck. *2nd row:* John Hilmes, Carolyn Bartlett, Mandy McClure, Sarah Gutsell, Paige Duncan, Kendra Schaff, Kelsey Smith, Sarah Wine. *3rd row:* Alex Munns, Natalie Scarpino, Caitlin Graham, Lydia Clark, Anne Lingwall, Sarah Hunter, Abby Bartine, Allison Peyton, Zach Stubbs, Wilson Lewis. *Back row:* Jim Schwartz, Robbie Larew, Robin Samples, McKenzie Swanson-Freeman, Laura Lozier, Liz Yepson, Alex Kennedy, Kirby Shifler, Amy Sirk, Eric Stifle, Jamalle Castillo.



Boys Track

Front row: Nate Alvarez, Alex Broadus, Joseph Yassin, Aaron Taylor, Troy Jones, Kory Uhl, Ronnison Hanson, Jon Thomas, Dung Phan, Carter Woodruff, Joseph Meja, Jason Madison, Aaron Cawthorn. *2nd Row:* Yawusa Kinda, David Deng, Kiel Uhl, Aaron Baird, Jose Gonzalez, Tom Gruis, Ben Nichols, Manager Elise Brush, James McClaskey, Tim Wieland, Frankie Cownie, Michael Wilhite, Chris Wiemann, Sean Warren. *3rd Row:* John Messina, Derek Snyder, Jeremiah Danga, Joe Polk, Mike Brown, Coach James Hoffman, Coach Cortez Nichols, Head Coach Joe McQuerry, Coach Dan McCain Sr., Asiel Smith, Dan Moklestad, Thom Waters, Grant Hewins. *Back row:* John Pugh, Jacob Copeland, Ronald Autry, Ethan Garrigan, Frank Kouri, Robbie Larew, Julian Uwazie, Jimmy Schwartz, Collins Eboh, Bradley Claytor, Jonathon Burkett, Austin Williamson, Shayne Shade.



Boys varsity soccer

Front row: Amel Salic, Mac Fisher, TJ Fort, Danny Flattery, Eric Stifel, Brent Balderson Billy Holtz, Adam Salic. *2nd row:* Thomas Clough, Mat Shepard, Mirsad Kazic, Coach Matt Kennedy, Keenan McMahon, Enes Elezovic, Eddie Wilson. *Back row:* Kirk Ryan, W.D. Shirlly, Mike Walker, Haris Hadzic, Alex Munns, Dave Drustrup.

Boys freshman soccer

Front row: Eric Crandell, Ty Nieters, Kevin Bailey, Tyler Shelter, Hafi Ibrahim, Casey Hayes, Thi Nieters. *Back row:* Subhan Rahi, Caleb Kebede, Connor Malone, Coach Hope, Coach Woods, Timur Zhumberkov, Mike Schmidt, Matt Adcock.



Girls Tennis

Front row: Hanah Hensen, Kayla Smith, Stephanie Grangaard, Stephanie Grangaard, Stephanie Daurus, Marissa Hares, Mary Harding, Marina Vasilijevic, Christa Sesker. *2nd row:* Alyssa Mowitz, Liz Williams, Anna Hudson, Meredith Esbeck, Kate Lidgett, Jordan Pennington, Caroline Bartlett, Jordan Voight, Sarah Eimers. *3rd row:* Catlin Sims, Alexis Baker, Grace Connolly, coach Deb Stetsen, coach Roger Stetsen, Anne Gerlitz, Becca Stubbs, Liz Lidgett. *Back row:* Sara Ringleb, Hilary Baehr, Kate Conlow, Ajak Philip, Maya Pocock.





Girls Track

Front row: Espree Stewart, Andrea Fitzgerald, Kiersten Cooley, Hanna Albaugh, Meagan Whetstone, Amber Olson, Mirella Cruz, Emily Burney, Kelsey Wheeler, Emili Johnson, Natalie Krekel, Erin Barnes. **2nd row:** Tiffany Burgess, Glenna Palimore, Bekah Garrison, Betsy Rosenblatt, Angel Olsen, Christine Jansen, Sarah Cramer, Millie Bell, Quinnetta Claytor. **3rd row:** Courtney Petty, Kaitlyn Landis, coach Jacob Kaemner, coach Anna MacDonald, coach Bill Kaemmer, coach Felicity Croat, coach Vince Schweiger, coach Chip Brundick, Kristen Kennedy, Demitria Witt. **4th row:** Perri Woods, Theresa Larew, Katie Bartlett, Octavia Ingram, Hannah Roeder, Kori Kent, Jasmin McNear, Miriam Chisala, Jasmina Pandur. **5th row:** Elyse Claiborne, Taralyn Johnson, Kari Ormiston, Latasha Hudson, Dominique Jenkins, Lisa Fitzpatrick, Jessi Dinges, Sarah Gutsell, Liza Sharp. **Back row:** Jessica Wilson, Tanyana West, Suzie Cownie, Rochelle Banks, Dionne Trumbo, Leigh Hotchkiss, Danielle St. Pierre, Latise Parrish.



Boys tennis

Front row: Joel Burham, Charlie Bartlett, Patrick Davidson, Mat Nail, Daren Ho, Tuan Duay, Sam Raife, Phil Miller, Ramsey Carey. **2nd row:** Charlie Frederichi, Grant Logan, Nick Rawson, David Hanson, Neil Anderson, Mat McBroun, Clifford Mayo, ?, Ariel Sandler, Ben Dahlberg. **3rd row:** Steven Mcgaughey, Alex Edge, Coach Stetson, Thomas Murphy, Deb Stetson, Phillip Dickinson, Jeffrey Loeb, Dash Kelley. **Back row:** John Helmes, Mike Lingwall, Austin Blank, Paul Asjes, Jake Rosenberg, Billy Samples, Ben Swieskowski, Phillip Dickinson, Ted Krausman.



Girls varsity soccer

Front row: Stephanie Morain, Mollie McMahon, Adriene Furstenau, Trish Braziel, Margot Courtney, Kelsey Smith, Tori Furstenau, Hillary Courtney. **2nd row:** Dana Ketcher, Ali Nielson, Hannah Roeder, Hillary Woodhouse, Christina Brown, Abbie Ytzen, Meggie Malm. **Back row:** Coach Chris McGill, Coach JR Fernandes, Kelly Kehoe, Jackie Hilmas, Anna Clough, Kera Reilly, Kate Walker, Coach Jocelyn Hays.



Girls JV soccer

Front row: Annie Myers, Ajda Jakupovic, Dijana Omerdic, Danielle Speicher, Meredith Cooney, Megan Ashley. **2nd row:** Fionna Fallon, Sydney Bardole, Indira Blazevic, Wanakee Carr, Alex Betty, Rhiannon Helfer, Annie Glave. **Back row:** Mackenzie Smith, Caitlin Crispin, Carlye Sikkink, coach Jocelyn Hays, coach Chris McGill, Jessie Myers, Emily Varn, Christina Demuth.



Mock Trial *Front row:* Rachel Ronne, Danielle Hurley, Sam Beebout, Paige Purdy, Kate McBride. *Second row:* Aaron Lindebak, Lindsay Purdy, Jeff Gutfreund, Andrea Herrick, Anna Gajdel, Kate Conlow. *Back row:* Zac Oler, Peter Sloterdijk, Glenn Clark, Collins Eboh, Jordi Mumma-Colman, Charles Frederici.



Art Club *Front row:* Betsy Rosenblatt, Ben Brown, Cass Franklin, Mandy McClure. Rachel Selden, Anne Lewis. *Back row:* sponsor Sam Chiodo, student teacher Tim Laizure.



Optimists Club *Front row:* Kat Jess, Katherine Pugh, Theresa Larew, Hilary Woodhouse, Rachel Selden. *Back row:* Pam Walz, Mitch Fastenau, Robbie Larew, Leigh Zisko, Hannah Garrison.



Rock in Prevention *Front row:* Rebecca Hunnell, Chasity Wilson, Amy Graziano-Davis, Kim Montgomery. *Back row:* Laura Dugue, Leah Pope, Andrea Herrick, John Spinks, Tori Nieters, Allison Peyton, sponsor Al Foote, Sam Wickard.



Earth Club *Front row:* Jessica Bastian, Janie Jacoby, Angela Jones, Whitney Lee, Alex Bardole. *Back row:* Sponsor Al Foote, Katie Harman, Chrissy Bailey, Paige Richards, Jessyka Clark, Timothy Rodriguez.



Debate *Front row:* Dawnielle Simmons, Dan Singer, Danielle Hurley. *Second row:* Ashley McDonald, Jeff Gutfrey, Rachel Konne, Lindsey Purdy, Aaron Lindebak, Paula Eikenberry. *Back row:* Glenn Clark, Robert Allen, Peter Benek, Collins Eboh, Matt Kearney.



Yearbook *Front row:* Hanna Albaugh, Wanakee Carr, Keshia Palmer, Courtney Petty. *Second row:* Sarah Hunter, Jasmina Pandur, Hannah Garrison, Elizabeth Emsweller, Josh Anderson. *Third row:* Elizabeth Crispin, Nwanneka Eke, Lisa Weber, Suzie Cownie, Jessica Lewis, advisor Lisa Swegle. *Fourth row:* Maggie Dolan, Roland Harris, Brian Wennerstrum, Josh Adcock, Paul Asjes, Dana Bartolomei.



Newspaper *Front row:* Liz McNulty, Molly McMahon, Leigh Zisko, Jessica Lewis. *Second row:* Lauren Sommers, Katie Williams, James Faber, David Moll, Stephanie McConeghey, Emily Svec, Cole Groff. *Back row:* Charlie Frederici, Jordi Mumma Colman, Patrick Zisko, Seth Van Winkle, Alex Covill, Frank Hansman, Curtis Claude.

Science Bound

Front row: sponsor Mike Blair, Gordy Wolder, Quinnetta Claytor, Kurtis Hall, Teresa Abreu, Courtney Petty, Justina Edwards, Brittnay Jewett, Sandra Stanley, Keshia Palmer, Nikki Parkey. *Second Row:* Frankie Colbert, Chasity Wilson, Wanakee Carr, Jontell Harris, Natalie Lawrence, Tanisha Jones, Jasmin McNear, Ime Augustine-Akpan, Liza Sharp. *Back Row:* Roberto Rodriguez, Leah Pope, Dominique Trumbo, DeAnna McGarity, Espree Stewart, Dionne Trumbo, John Spinks, LeMarius Wolder.





National Honor Society *Front row:* DeAnna McGarity, Josh Anderson, Claire Sabin, Brittney Griffith, Amber Wines, Jamie Nelson, Rachel Farr, Alyson Peyton, Alex Kennedy, Tori Furstenau, Matt Schuling, Barnes Kelley, Bret Sikkink. *Second row:* Lauren Wendehl, Kate McCormick, Chau Ly, Jordan Jones, Maura Walsh, Mary Off, Kate McCormick, Laura Devers, Kim Montgomery, Caitlin Graham, Jessie Kiel-Wornsen, Lindsey Purdy, Jessie Johnson, Eleanor Neumann, Laura Lozier, Allie Nielsen. *Third row:* Megan Coppola, Elizabeth Silbermann, Rachel Pruiett, Anna Gajdel, Jenna Spiering, Becca Stubbs, Anne Lingwall, Glenn Burmeister, Paige Richards, Katie Milobar, Tom Gruis, Raj Borsellino, Daren Ho, Alex Munns, Phillip Dickinson, Kera Reilly, Adrienne Furstenau, David Hanson, Kate Walker, Sarah Hill, Hilary Woodhouse, Meredith Ghrist, Mike Larkin, Robin Samples. *Fourth row:* Emily Hephner, Kristy Huynh, Maggie Dolan, Stephanie Beaman, Jodie Birkey, Ana Hudson, Natalie Chadwick, Dana Bartolomei, Abby Bartine, Sarah Buffington, Mac Fisher, Billy Holtze, Tyler Mitchell, Sarah Ringleb, Megan Jones. *Back row:* Elaina Flores, Abby Glawe, Karl Svec, Meggie Malm, Lemarius Wolder, Kari Ormiston, Megan Bolin, Jelani Cole, Matt Pokorny, Chase Huey, Matt Waller, Alex Hubbell, Mike Walker, Andrew Paul, Grant Hewins, Thom Waters, Austin Williamson.



Social Justice Club *Front row:* Martin Whitman, Phil Miller, Stephanie McConeghey. *Back row:* Oliver Borzo, Clayton Hamilton, Max Villwock, Ian Guffy.



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Key Club Julie Wilson, Sarah Taffae, Jenna Spiering, Chase Huey, Raj Borsellino, Anne Lingwall, Cynthia Young.



S.A.G.A. *Front row:* Anastasya Bawn, Janie Jacoby, Angela Zuri Jones, Andrea Herrick, Whitney Lee, Natalie Hutchison, Alex Bardole. *Back row:* Lauren Scott, Chrissy Bailey, Katie Hariman, Maria Sanchez, sponsor Al Foote.



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French club *Front row:* Bridget Hill, Stephanie McConeghey, Tori Nieters, Bill Johnson, Lisa Cox, Kirsten Jacobsen. *Back row:* Maggie Stephen, Ben Miller-Todd, Paul Child, Nick Rawson, Franky Colbert, Anna Arriaga.

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Front row: Dominique Jenkins, Kiersten Cooley, Justina Edwards, Keshia Palmer, Alicia Lane, Mikayla Johnson, Shannon Walker, Amber Olson, Wanakee Carr. **Second row:** Destiny McGregor, Brittney Jewett, Quinnetta Claytor, Chariti Lovejoy, Dawnielle Simmons, Esence Lloyd, Natalie Lawrence, Jontell Harris, Emily Johnson, Brittani McMichael. **Third row:** Latoyes Johnson, Janicka Love, Ashley O'Day, Darshan Nobles, Glenna Palimore, Alysha Galbreath, Nakita Carter, Thondra Bradley, Torri Sellers, Ebone Bell, Melissa Williams, Linda Lane. **Back row:** Dionne Trumbo, Gheri Galbreath, Burnessa Burse, Rande Taylor, Tenisha Jones, Latice Parrish, Domonique Trumbo, Davida Woods, Micquia Evans, Marshay King, Richelle Banks, Kahara Hunafa, Ashley Wright, DeAnna McGarity, Espree Stewart.



Student Council

Front row: Sarah Buffington, Liz Lidgett, Amy Graziano-Davis, Sarah Eimers, Rachel Selden, Esence Lloyd, Keshia Palmer, Alex Kennedy, Stephanie Morain, Ben Singer. **Back row:** James McClaskey, Dionne Trumbo, Larry Moore, Liza Sharp, Thom Waters, Charlotte Young, Nick Renkoski, Jessica Wilson, Dash Kelly, Megan Bolin, Andrew Thompson, Aaron Anderson, Christina Gulick, Kirby Shiffler, Josh Carney, Meggie Malm, Hannah Garrison.



Jazz I

Front Row: Paul Child, Mike Saul, Tim Wieland, Chad Allen, Ben Brown, Cliff Mayo, Hilary Woodhouse. **2nd Row:** Mr. Marcellus, David Lindell, Kyle Baas, Matt Pokorny, E.J. Wallace, Andrew Binkard, Tom Mahler. **Back Row:** Katie Weitenhagen, Jesse Richards, George McCutchen, Ari Micich, Robin Svec, Kirk Ryan, Rachel Gulick.



Fed. Challenge Team **Front row:** Ted Wells, sponsor Jeff Westendorf, Dash Kelley, Matt Pokorny, Drew Peckum, David Mason, Mike Saul.

Academic Decathlon

First row: sponsor Vicki Goldsmith, Paula Eikenberry, Katarzyna Szemplinska, Courtney Petty.



Best Buddies

First row: Drew Brown, Meredith Pocius, Lisa Brown, Meggen Whiteley. **Back row:** Aaron Anderson, Thomas Clough, Anna Clough, Lee Carr, Laura Lozier.





R-Club *First row:* Caitlin Graham, Allison Peyton, Sam Wickard, Addie Knight. *Second row:* Kelsey Smith, Rachel Selden, Jordan Pennington, Kate Lidgett, Sarah Wine, Liz Lidgett. *Back row:* Kate Walker, Lindsey Purdy, Tania Coulter, Sarah Buffington, Kirby Hiffner, Theresa Larew, Meggie Malm, Megan Bolin, Christina Gulick, Maya Pocock, Jackie Holmes.



Jazz II *Front row:* Sterling Cannaday, Jessica Lewis, Peter Boscaljon, David Lindell, Greta Sullivan. *Second row:* Joe Rich, Kimleng Brown, Ben Body, Dominique Trumbo, Matt Pokorny, Dominick Lee. *Back row:* Martin Whitman, E.J. Wallace, C.J. Osterhoudt, Jacob Copeland, Jason Perry.



Chamber orchestra *Front row:* Ryan Child, Suzanne Wedeking, Paige Richards, Kate McBride, Megan Whetstone, Anne Lingwall, Ruthie Lucas. *Second row:* Alyssa Sonsiridej, Grave Liu, Daren Ho. *Third row:* Maggie Steffan, Paul Child, Lucy Grask, Jenna Spiering, Judy Leinin. *Back row:* Chris Gallant, David Dustrup, Sandy Tatge.



Color guard *First row:* Laura Devers, Mary Off, Danny Speicher. *Second row:* Alisha Cavanagh, Mallory Jones, Maddie Off, Allison Tate. *Back row:* Sarah Gutsell, Tegan Isleman, Alex Beatty, Rose Mayo, Megan Kay.



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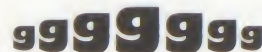
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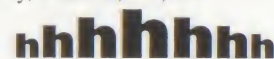
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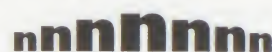


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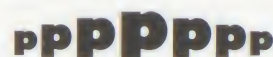


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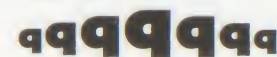
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The theme was thought of by newspaper editor Leigh Zisko, while drinking pop. *Fusion* was chosen to represent how Roosevelt's diverse population grows and thrives because of every member of its' community.

Photographs were taken exclusively with digital cameras. Canon D30, Sony Mavica and Canon Power Shot digital cameras were used by staff members, and a few prints were scanned for use with a ScanJet 4570c scanner.

Production of yearbook spreads were created on 16 Macintosh computers first semester, and 18 Dell P.C.'s as well as four Macintosh's second semester. Photoshop 6.0 and Pagemaker 6.5 were used for production of photos, stories and layouts. Finished spreads were sent to the Herff Jones plant via zip and compact discs.

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Hannah Garrison, editor-in-chief

Jammin'. Senior **Sam Gold** waits for a cue from the lead singer of his punk band *The Evil Geniuses*. Gold was the band's drummer, whose members were made up almost exclusively of TRHS students.

*Photo by
Laura Smith*



Beautiful. Students, faculty, family and friends all cram into the small gym in April for the art department's annual fair. Student artists put their work up for display and sold everything from handmade jewelry to furniture for the event.

Photo by Tres Glass



As the last few days of life as a high school student came to a close, the year seemed to merge into one formidable happening.

As screams, shouts and laughs faded from the once crowded hallways, muted murmurs from faculty members were the only clues that those same hallways had been filled to capacity just hours before.

Events throughout the year proved that our unique spirit brought us closer together.

Rider pride thrived as senior **Steve McGaughey** placed first in the singles division at the state tennis meet in May.

The dollars for scholars

program recognized academic excellence among students, giving money awards to seniors **Evan Sharp, Jason Madison, Lisa Weber, Matt Miller** and **Lacey Wright**.

We continued the tradition of athletic excellence as boys track, both boys and girls soccer, baseball and softball all took

conference titles.

The National Honor Society's annual blood drive held in April gave students a chance to help the community. A record number of students, faculty and family members contributed their time, plasma and platelets to those in need.

The last song I heard

leaving Together



Gearin' up. Seniors **Chariti Lovejoy** and **Alysha Galbreath** hit up the Gap in Valley West Mall while taking a break from the stresses of senior year. Lovejoy and Galbreath were both runners up for the senior award for best dressed.

*Photo by
Gheri Galbreath*

Lick it good. Junior **Barnes Kelly** tries to eat all of his ice cream sandwich before it melts. The treats were handed out to students after second semester finals by the P.T.A.

Photo by Hannah Garrison



Dunk it. While in P.E., junior **Mike Walker** perfects his jump-shot and apparently, his pirouette. Walker used his impressive coordination skills while playing on the soccer field for the varsity team.

Photo by James McClaskey



No Hangups. Trying to assemble her mobile, sophomore **Paige Sweet** threads together the metal strands of a hanger in Sam Chiodo's Art II class. Students were instructed to create decorative designs for the room. *Photo by Jamica Greene*



Rock the boat. Assorted freshmen use part of their required swim class in P.E. to see just how many pubescent boys can fit into a canoe. Count the number of kids surrounding the boat to see how many of them it took to completely sink the canoe into the depths of the Clark Munger Natatorium Pool.

Photo by Alex Larsen

Just the tip of the psychological iceberg. Seniors **Seth Van Winkle, Eric Plumb, Maddie Off, Elise Brush and Jeff Richman** pray that their studying paid off while digging into the beginning of **Dave Mahler's** Introduction To Psychology final.

Photo by Austin Smith



So he said... Junior **Ruthie Lucas** talks amongst friends while waiting to re-enter the school after a required fire drill. The many drills the school was required to enforce during the school year proved to be a good time to catch up with friends during the school day. **Photo by Greg Timmerman**

"Who wants seconds?" Juniors **Saloman Curry** and **James Lee Banks** hear as sophomore **Edward Shannon** finishes grubbin' during lunch. **Photo by Jamica Greene**



2X + 56Y=? Sophomore **Demetria Witt** finishes making up a math test for **Chip Brundage's** Algebra I class. **Photo by Josh Edwards**



Teeing off into the sunset. Girls golf team members start the long trek back home after finishing up a practice at Waveland Golf Course. The team planned to combine with Hoover High School to create one large team. **Photo by Matt Shepard**



blaring from the casino's speakers at the senior party was *"School's Out For the Summer"*. For seniors, the lyrics had new significance. School's out! Forever for some, truly for only a few precious weeks for many others. But every one of us knew that the first chapter of our lives had ended, and we would

never look at this school the same way again.

The song was the soundtrack playing nonstop in junior's heads as they tried to stay immune to the already growing senioritis epidemic spreading throughout the class of 2004.

The lyrics were no doubt the anthem blaring from every sophomore's car stereo as they pulled out

from Center Street for the last time as underclassmen.

For freshmen, the song symbolized a new start. The overwhelming first year was over, and they had the whole summer ahead to pick up the incoming ninth grade.

"School's Out For the Summer"

leaving Together

Summ evoked infinite different memories. I listen

but still manages to have a universal impact on students every year as we end our year-long scholarly journey. So too is our school a diverse place that reminds some of exciting escapades and others of laughable realizations. But in the end, the song reminds us all of the place where we grew together, where we fused to become one family.

Hannah Garri





Front cover

Swimmer: senior Kacey Davis

Window painter: senior Molly Goodman

Orchestra student: freshman Dominic Lee

Rail sliders: seniors Kate Walker and Adrienne Furstenau

Skateboarder: senior Greg Timmerman

Front-lawn artists: unidentified and Senior E.J. Wallace

Volleyball players: Juniors Megan Jones and Cheree Ramirez, and freshman Leigh Hotchkiss.

